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EU Statement on the US Senate Intelligence Committee's Report on the Central Intelligence Agency's Detention and Interrogation Programme

The European Union thanks the US Mission to the OSCE for their statement in last week's Permanent Council meeting regarding the US Senate Intelligence Committee's report on the Central Intelligence Agency's detention and interrogation programme. We welcome this statement which clearly demonstrated a willingness to address past mistakes as well as a determination to learn from them.

The report raises important questions about serious violations of fundamental rights that took place in the period between 2001 and 2009.

The release of the executive summary of the Senate report is a positive step in confronting publicly and critically the way in which the CIA's responsibilities were discharged regarding allegations of torture and ill-treatment of suspects during US custody abroad.

We recognise President Obama's commitment to use his authority to ensure that these methods are never used again.

The EU condemns all forms of torture and ill-treatment and is working towards their prevention and eradication within the EU and worldwide, as a priority of its human rights policy.

The Candidate Countries the FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA*, MONTENEGRO*, SERBIA* and ALBANIA*, the Country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and Potential Candidate BOSNIA and HERZEGOVINA, and the EFTA country LIECHTENSTEIN, member of the European Economic Area, as well as UKRAINE, the REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA, GEORGIA and SAN MARINO align themselves with this statement.

* The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Albania continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.