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**EU Statement in Reply to the Russian Mission's Comments
on the Exclusion of Russian Journalists at a Press Point in
Kyiv on 29 January 2014**

The European Union wishes to inform the Permanent Council of the following in response to the concerns just expressed.

The press point in question with the High Representative in Kyiv on 29 January was organised at very short notice with clear logistical and security constraints.

A mix of international and Ukrainian media attended the press point which lasted about ten minutes. The press point was streamed live, and a transcript of the remarks was issued immediately afterwards.

Due to the above constraints a first-come first-served approach was taken. Nobody was turned away on the basis of nationality.