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EU statement on the decision on the agenda for the 2011 HDIM

The European Union is deeply disappointed that the decision on the agenda for the 2011 Human Dimension Implementation Meeting (HDIM) has not yet been adopted, despite the adoption of PC Decision/986/11 on the dates of this year's HDIM and the overwhelming support expressed by the participating States for the draft proposed by the Lithuanian Chairmanship (PC.DD/21/11) on 28 June.

The EU commends the Chairmanship for its tireless efforts to build consensus on the 2011 HDIM agenda.

The EU urges Belarus to join the consensus without further delay, also in order to facilitate the necessary preparations for the Human Dimension Implementation Meeting.

The candidate countries TURKEY, CROATIA*, the FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA*, MONTENEGRO* and ICELAND**, the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries ALBANIA and SERBIA, the European Free Trade Association countries LIECHTENSTEIN and NORWAY, members of the European Economic Area, as well as the REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA align themselves with this statement.

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

**Iceland continues to be a member of the EFTA and the European Economic Area.