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**EU statement on the bomb attack at the Boston marathon**

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The President of the European Council Herman Van Rompuy and the EU High Representative Catherine Ashton have strongly condemned the terrible bomb attack carried out at the Boston marathon and deeply regretted its tragic outcome and the loss of innocent lives. We hope that those responsible for the atrocious acts will be brought to justice. The American people and authorities have the full sympathy and support of the European Union.

We would like to convey here in Vienna our condolences to the victims and their families in Boston and to wish speedy recovery to those who have been injured.

The Acceding Country Croatia\*, the Candidate Countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia\*, Montenegro\*, Iceland+ and Serbia\*, the Countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidates Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina, and the EFTA countries Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, as well as the Republic of Moldova, Armenia, Georgia, Andorra and San Marino, align themselves with this statement.

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

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