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EU statement in response to Azerbaijan

The European Union and its Member States have listened carefully to the statement made by the delegation of Azerbaijan. The EU avails itself of this opportunity to reiterate its full support for the work and mandate of the OSCE Office in Baku.

The Acceding Country Croatia*, the Candidate Countries Montenegro*, Iceland+ and Serbia*, the Country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate Bosnia and Herzegovina, and the EFTA countries Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, align themselves with this statement.

* Croatia, 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.