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EU Statement in Response to Lt. Col. Helmut Napiontek, OSCE Representative to the Latvian-Russian Joint Commission on Military Pensioners

The European Union welcomes the Representative to the Latvian-Russian Joint Commission on Military Pensioners, Lieutenant Colonel Napiontek, to the Permanent Council and thanks him for his latest annual report.

We note from the report that no new individual cases have been brought to the Commission's attention since 2008.

We encourage the parties to continue to work constructively on outstanding issues relating to an accurate application of the 1994 Agreement, including formally reaching a common understanding as to which persons are eligible military pensioners under the scope of the Agreement, and on updating the sub-agreement on medical care expenses so that it is in conformity with the actual situation.

Finally, we would like to thank the Representative for his ongoing efforts to assist the parties.

The Candidate Countries the FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA*, MONTENEGRO*, ICELAND+, SERBIA* and ALBANIA*, 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, as well as UKRAINE, the REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA and GEORGIA, 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.

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