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**EU statement on the Arrest of Independent Election  
Observer in Azerbaijan, Mr. Anar Mammadli**

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The European Union is concerned about the 16 December arrest of Anar Mammadli, chairperson of the Election Monitoring and Democracy Studies Center in Azerbaijan.

Mr. Mammadli and his organisation are widely known for their integrity and professional conduct of election monitoring activities.

We request Azerbaijan to provide details on the charges made against Anar Mammadli and to fully clarify the matter. We will continue to follow the situation closely. We expect Azerbaijan to address the issue in line with its OSCE commitments.

The Candidate Countries the former Yugoslav Republic of MACEDONIA\*, MONTENEGRO\*, ICELAND+ and SERBIA\*, the Country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate ALBANIA, and the EFTA country NORWAY, member of the European Economic Area align themselves with this statement.

\* 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.