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#### EU Statement on UNSCR 1540

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The European Union (EU) would like to thank today's key-note speaker Mr Sergey Federyakov, Head of Export Control Policy Division in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, for the comprehensive and insightful presentation of his country's view on the role of the OSCE in facilitating the implementation of UNSCR 1540 at regional level.

We attach high importance to the full implementation of UNSCR 1540 and subsequent resolutions. We would like to reiterate our strong support for regional and national efforts towards the implementation of UNSCR 1540, including through information sharing, enhanced cooperation with the 1540 Committee and with United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA), as well as provision of assistance to those States that require it.

In this connection, the EU Council has adopted two Joint Actions in support of the practical implementation of UNSCR 1540, respectively in 2006 and 2008, and one Decision in 2013, all of them implemented by UNODA. Decision 2013/391/CFSP provides, inter alia, for close cooperation with the OSCE and other relevant international organisations and agencies throughout the implementation process to ensure effective synergies and avoid duplication.

Furthermore, we welcome the combined efforts of the European Union and its Member States and the OSCE and believe that the cooperation should be reinforced and focused on developing practical activities. These include, inter alia, provision of assistance to participating States, at their request, for the development of national action plans, facilitating information sharing, promoting best practices and

strengthening relevant multilateral information exchange networks related to UNSCR 1540 implementation.

In this context, we commend the activities and the consistent efforts of the OSCE executive structures devoted to assisting the OSCE participating States, at their request, in implementing UNSCR 1540 and are of the opinion that the OSCE's role and capacities in this field need to be enhanced further and put on a sustainable basis by inclusion in the Unified Budget.

Mr Chairman, we would like to once again thank you and today's key-note speaker for giving us this very timely opportunity to discuss an important topic on the FSC agenda and remain ready to further contribute to this debate, including in the context of the preparations for the Basel Ministerial Council.

The candidate countries the FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA<sup>\*</sup>, MONTENEGRO, ICELAND<sup>\*\*</sup>, SERBIA and ALBANIA, the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA, and the EFTA country NORWAY, member of the European Economic Area, as well as UKRAINE, the REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA, ARMENIA and SAN MARINO align themselves with this statement.

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<sup>\*</sup> The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Albania continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Iceland continues to be a member of EFTA and the European Economic Area.