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**EU Statement on Constitutional Reform in Kyrgyzstan**

The European Union continues to follow closely the process of constitutional reform in Kyrgyzstan. Genuine constitutional reform in Kyrgyzstan will lay the ground for consolidating democratic and economic reforms and contribute to a stable development in Kyrgyzstan as well as in the Central Asian region as a whole.

The European Union welcomes the fact that a revised version of the draft law “On Introduction of Amendments and Additions to the Constitution of the Kyrgyz Republic” will be prepared following the current “general discussion of the draft law by the people”. We hope that such a revised version will further incorporate recent recommendations by ODIHR and the Venice Commissions as well as important suggestions by the Kyrgyz Constitutional Assembly from last June.

The Acceding Countries Bulgaria and Romania, the Candidate Countries Turkey, Croatia<sup>1</sup> and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the Countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia and Montenegro, as well as Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova align themselves with this declaration.

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<sup>1</sup> Croatia continues to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process