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EU Statement on Restrictive Measures against the Russian Federation

The European Union and its Member States would like to state the following on the EU restrictive measures against the Russian Federation, a topic which has been raised within this Forum by our distinguished Russian colleagues.

We recall in this respect that the restrictive measures taken by the European Union are directly linked to the Russian Federation's violation of international law, in particular the violation of Ukraine's unity, sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity with the illegal annexation of Crimea, as well as to the destabilisation of Ukraine.

We have always stressed the reversibility and proportionality of the restrictive measures. Depending on the situation on the ground, the European Union stands ready to review the agreed restrictive measures in whole or in part.

In conclusion, we would like to draw our distinguished Russian colleagues' attention to the fact that this issue does not pertain to the FSC mandate. Hence, we would be ready to discuss it further, if so requested, but then in the appropriate settings.