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EU statement on legislation on religion in Kazakhstan

The EU has noted with concern that the lower chamber of the parliament of Kazakhstan has adopted, on November 26, new legislation on the freedom of religion or belief, just one day after an ODIHR expert team agreed with the Justice Ministry's Committee on Religious Affairs in Astana to prepare a review of the amended draft of the law. Recalling its earlier statements of October 23rd and November 13th, the EU hopes that, nonetheless, steps to allow for a more transparent and inclusive law-making process that would lead to the adoption of legislation fully reflecting OSCE commitments and other international standards will be made.

La Turquie, la Croatie* et l'ancienne République yougoslave de Macédoine*, pays candidats ; l'Albanie, la Bosnie - Herzégovine et la Serbie, pays du processus de stabilisation et d'association et candidats potentiels ; l'Islande et la Norvège, pays de l'Association Européenne de libre-échange et membres de l'Espace économique européen se rallient à cette déclaration.

*La Croatie et l'ancienne République yougoslave de Macédoine continuent à participer au processus de stabilisation et d'association.

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