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In light of the latest unilateral decision of the Russian Federation to establish official ties with institutions of the *de facto* authorities in South Ossetia and Abkhazia, the EU reiterates its firm commitment to the sovereignty, independence, and territorial integrity of Georgia within its internationally recognised borders. The European Union will distribute a Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the EU on this issue and we reserve the right to return to this issue.