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EU Statement in response to the report of the OSCE Representative to the Latvian-Russian Joint Commission on Military Pensioners, Lt. Col. Helmut Napiontek

The European Union welcomes the Representative to the Latvian-Russian Joint Commission on Military Pensioners, Lieutenant Colonel Napiontek, to the Permanent Council and thanks him for his latest annual report.

We note from the report that no new individual cases have been brought to the Commission's attention since 2008. We encourage the parties to continue to work constructively on outstanding issues relating to the 1994 Agreement, including reaching a common understanding as to which persons are eligible military pensioners under the scope of the Agreement, and on updating the sub-agreement on medical care expenses so that it is in conformity with the actual situation.

Finally, we would like to thank the Representative for his efforts over recent years to assist the parties.

The Candidate Countries the former Yugoslav Republic of MACEDONIA*, MONTENEGRO*, ICELAND+ and SERBIA*, the Countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidates ALBANIA and BOSNIA and HERZEGOVINA, and the EFTA country NORWAY, member of the European Economic Area, as well as the Republic of MOLDOVA align themselves with this statement.

* The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.

+ Iceland continues to be a member of the EFTA and of the European Economic Area.
