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EU Statement on the five year anniversary of the downing of Malaysia Airlines Flight MH17

Yesterday marked five years since the downing of Malaysia Airlines Flight MH17.

This tragedy led to the death of 298 innocent people from 17 different countries. Our hearts are with all those who lost their loved ones and we continue to share their grief.

The European Union reiterates its full support for all efforts to establish truth, justice and accountability for the victims and their next of kin, in accordance with UNSC Resolution 2166.

In this context, the EU welcomes the announcement by the Joint Investigation Team on 19 June 2019 that criminal charges will be brought in the Netherlands against four individuals.

The EU calls on Russia to accept its responsibility and cooperate fully with the ongoing investigation. The EU expresses its full confidence in the independence and professionalism of the legal procedures that lie ahead.

The Candidate Countries REPUBLIC OF NORTH MACEDONIA*, MONTENEGRO* and ALBANIA*, and the EFTA countries ICELAND and NORWAY, members of the European Economic Area, as well as UKRAINE, GEORGIA, CANADA and AUSTRALIA align themselves with this statement.

* Republic of North Macedonia, Montenegro and Albania continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.