



## EUROPEAN UNION

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#### EU Statement on the "Presidential Elections" in the Breakaway Region of Abkhazia in Georgia

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The European Union would like to draw the attention of the Permanent Council to the statement by the spokesperson of the EU High Representative on the 24 August 2014 concerning the "presidential elections" in the breakaway region of Abkhazia in Georgia:

"The European Union supports the territorial integrity and sovereignty of Georgia, as recognised by international law.

In view of reports about 'presidential elections' in the Georgian breakaway region of Abkhazia on 24 August, we recall that the European Union does not recognise the constitutional and legal framework within which these elections have taken place."

The Candidate Countries the FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA\*, MONTENEGRO\*, ICELAND+ and SERBIA\* and ALBANIA\*, the Country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and Potential Candidate BOSNIA and HERZEGOVINA, and the EFTA countries LIECHTENSTEIN and NORWAY, members of the European Economic Area, as well as UKRAINE and SAN MARINO align themselves with this statement.

\* The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Albania 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.