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EU Statement on Regional Security – Co-operation in Addressing Irregular Migration

The European Union and its Member States welcome the speakers to the Forum for Security Co-operation and thank them for their presentations on the issue of addressing irregular migration. While we attach great importance to the issue of migration, we believe that it requires a comprehensive and cross-dimensional approach and therefore that the Forum for Security Co-operation is not the most appropriate forum for addressing this topic.

The European Union pursues a comprehensive approach to migration. This approach is delivering on all fronts, including with respect to deeper cooperation with partner countries; better protected external borders; and more effective tools to manage migration inside the EU. In this regard, the EU would like to refer back to the European Council conclusions adopted on 18 October 2018 on migration.

Thank you.

The Candidate Countries of NORTH MACEDONIA*and MONTENEGRO*, the Country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and Potential Candidate BOSNIA and HERZEGOVINA, as well as ARMENIA and GEORGIA align themselves with this statement.

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