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EU statement on the Arms Trade Treaty

The European Union would like to draw the attention of the FSC to the joint statement made on 3 June 2013 by the EU High Representative, Catherine Ashton, and the European Commission Vice President, Antonio Tajani, on the Arms Trade Treaty in which they stressed, inter alia, that:

“The Treaty, when effectively and widely implemented, will contribute towards more responsible and more transparent international arms transfers. It is now crucial to gather the maximum number of signatures and ratifications so that the Treaty can quickly enter into force. The EU intends to continue to play an active role in promoting the effective implementation of the Treaty.”

The acceding country CROATIA*, the FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA, MONTENEGRO, ICELAND** and SERBIA, the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries ALBANIA and BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA, the European Free Trade Association country LIECHTENSTEIN, member of the European Economic Area, as well as the REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA, GEORGIA and SAN MARINO align themselves with this statement.

* Croatia, 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 EFTA and the European Economic Area.