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#### **EU Statement on the Decision in support of OSCE projects on chemical safety and security in Ukraine**

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Mr. Chairman, the European Union and its Member States would like to inform the FSC that on 11 July 2017 the EU Council adopted the Decision in support of the strengthening of chemical safety and security in Ukraine in line with the implementation of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1540 (2004) on the non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery.

The overall objective of the Decision is to support OSCE projects aiming at strengthening chemical safety and security in Ukraine in line with UNSCR 1540 (2004) and the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement by providing significant contribution to the Integrated Chemical Safety and Security Programme (ICSSP) in Ukraine. In particular, this Decision aims at reducing the threat posed by the illicit trade of controlled and toxic chemicals in the OSCE region, in particular in Ukraine, thus promoting peace and security in the Union's neighbourhood.

The following activities will be undertaken:

- improving the national regulatory system on chemical safety and security;
- establishing a Ukrainian national reference centre to identify controlled and toxic chemicals;
- strengthening controls over cross-boundary movement of toxic chemicals.

The Decision, which provides for a budget of circa 1,4 million EUR, will be implemented by the OSCE Secretariat in cooperation with the Organisation for the

Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), and in conformity with the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC).

We express our appreciation to the OSCE Secretariat and the competent authorities in Ukraine for their cooperation in developing this Council Decision as well as to the United States for providing co-funding for its implementation.