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#### EU Statement on parliamentary elections in Turkey

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Turkey's general elections on 1 November which had a very high voter turnout, have reaffirmed the strong commitment of the people of Turkey to democratic processes. We take note of the joint preliminary findings and conclusions of the OSCE/ODIHR, the OSCE PA and Council of Europe PA election observation mission on the parliamentary elections in Turkey, including the concerns raised. We call on the new parliament and future government to follow up transparently and effectively on these findings and on ODIHR's final report when that is issued.

We look forward to the formation of a new government and to working with it to further strengthen ties between Turkey and the European Union, broadening our cooperation across all aspects of our relationship, and working collaboratively to address the shared challenges we continue to face.

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

\* The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Albania continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.