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## Portuguese Presidency of the Council of the European Union

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## Statement of the European Union in response to the Representative to the Latvian-Russian Joint Commission on Military Pensioners

The European Union welcomes Lt. Colonel Napiontek to the Permanent Council once again and thanks him for his informative report on his activities. We value the work of the Joint Commission which we will continue to support as long as it is necessary. We wish Lt. Colonel Napiontek continued success in his endeavours.

The Candidate Countries Turkey, Croatia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia<sup>\*</sup>, the Countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia, EFTA country Norway, member of the European Economic Area, as well as Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova, Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia align themselves with this statement.

<sup>\*</sup> Croatia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.