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**EU Statement
in the Closing Session of the OSCE Annual Security
Review Conference, 26 June 2003**

The European Union would like to thank the Chairmanship and all others involved in the organization of this first ASRC. We believe it was a very useful meeting and welcome the fact that there was wide debate on important OSCE-related issues. We note that, although the modalities of this year's Conference do not constitute a precedent, we have learned a lot which will be useful in preparing future Conferences, as well as in supplementing the work undertaken in the working groups dealing with many aspects of the OSCE's activity.

The EU indeed hopes that the deliberations and results of this Conference will be incorporated in an effective and systematic way into the work of the OSCE.

The Acceding Countries Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, the Slovak Republic and Slovenia and the Associated Countries Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey align themselves with this statement.