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**STATEMENT BY THE EUROPEAN UNION AT THE
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On the “presidential election” in Nagorno-Karabakh

The European Union does not recognize the “presidential election” that took place in Nagorno-Karabakh on 19 July. It recalls that it does not recognize the legal and constitutional framework for this election, whose outcome may not affect the future status of Nagorno-Karabakh or the negotiation process.

The EU reiterates its full support for the Minsk Group and the efforts by its Co-Chairs and the Personal Representative of the Chairperson-in-Office to achieve a peaceful settlement of the conflict. It calls on the parties to refrain from any use of force and to respect the ceasefire.