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**EU statement on Abduction and Illegal detention of  
Ukrainian citizens by the Russian Federation**

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The European Union would like to thank the Ukrainian delegation for the update on Ukrainian citizens illegally detained in Russia.

We once again call on Russia to respect its international commitments and to immediately release Nadiya Savchenko, Oleh Sentsov and all other Ukrainian citizens illegally detained in Russia. Russia bears a responsibility for Ms Savchenko's very fragile health.

We recall that all hostages and detained persons related to the conflict in and around Ukraine should be released as stipulated in the Minsk package.

The Candidate Countries the FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA\*, MONTENEGRO\*, ICELAND+ and ALBANIA\*, the Country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and Potential Candidate BOSNIA and HERZEGOVINA, and the EFTA country NORWAY, member of the European Economic Area, as well as UKRAINE, the REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA, GEORGIA and SAN MARINO align themselves with this statement.

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

+ Iceland continues to be a member of the EFTA and of the European Economic Area.