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EU Statement in reply to statements by the US and Canada on violent hate incidents in the OSCE region

The European Union would like to thank the United States and Canada for their initiative. The EU had expressed its support for the Draft Declaration on violent hate incidents in the OSCE region.

The EU remains firmly committed to implementing our joint OSCE commitments related to all forms of discrimination and intolerance. We believe these commitments are an integral part of our overarching human dimension commitments in the field of human rights, democracy and the rule of law.

The candidate countries TURKEY, CROATIA* and FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA*, the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries ALBANIA, BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA, MONTENEGRO and SERBIA, the European Free Trade Association country and member of the European Economic Area ICELAND, as well as UKRAINE align themselves with this statement.

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