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EU Statement on the bomb attack in Ankara

Federica Mogherini, High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy/Vice-President of European Commission, and Johannes Hahn, Commissioner for European Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations, issued the following statement last Saturday:

"A new tragedy has shocked Turkey today. People planning to participate in a peaceful march around Ankara railway station were targeted by a bomb attack: many are dead and injured. We extend our sincere condolences to the families of the victims and wish a speedy recovery to those injured. Our sympathy goes to the Turkish people and authorities.

Turkish people and all political forces must stand united against terrorists and against all those who try to destabilise a country that is facing many threats.

As the European Union, we are determined to defeat those who want to disrupt and destabilise societies. We stand by all people in Turkey who work together to counter violence and terrorism. Our partnership and engagement with the Turkish authorities and Turkish society is stronger than ever, at all levels."

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 LIECHTENSTEIN, member of the European Economic Area, as well as UKRAINE, the REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA, ANDORRA 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.