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**STATEMENT BY THE EUROPEAN UNION AT THE 1109th (SPECIAL)
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On the attack in Nice

The European Union remains, like all of us, in shock at the terrible event that struck France and in particular the population of Nice on the evening of 14 July.

Following this unspeakable massacre, the EU would like to express its most profound solidarity with the victims, their families and friends and with all of France.

As always, France and the French people know that they can count on this solidarity without fail and that the European Union is united in its determination to combat the scourge of terrorism in Europe and elsewhere.

The candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia¹, Montenegro¹, Serbia¹ and Albania¹, the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Free Trade Association countries and members of the European Economic Area Iceland and Liechtenstein, as well as Ukraine, Georgia, Andorra and Monaco, align themselves with this statement.

¹ The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Albania continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.