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EU statement on the vision of the Kazakh Chairmanship-in-Office regarding the follow-up of the Astana Summit

The European Union thanks the Kazakh Chairmanship-in-Office for the presentation of its vision regarding the follow-up of the Astana Summit. We believe this vision is an important contribution and will study it with interest.

The goal should be to focus on concrete action, based on the work done so far by the Kazakh Chairmanship and on the proposals made during the Corfu Process and the preparation of the Summit. In this context, the European Union will advance its proposals in the coming months on the basis of our already known four priorities.

The EU is looking forward to the proposals of the incoming Lithuanian Chairmanship-in-Office in this regard and we are determined to provide it with all our support and our assistance in this endeavour.

Once again, we congratulate you, Mr Chairman, and your team, for all the achievements during the year and for the completion of a successful Chairmanship.

The candidate countries CROATIA*, the FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA* and ICELAND**, the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries ALBANIA, BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA, MONTENEGRO and SERBIA, the European Free Trade Association countries and members of the European Economic Area LIECHTENSTEIN and NORWAY, as well as the REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA, ANDORRA and SAN MARINO align themselves with this statement.

*Croatia and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.

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