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**EU Statement on “illegal conduct of Russian elections in  
the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of  
Sevastopol”**

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We spoke on this issue last week, and we will refer to it again later during our meeting. I will limit myself here to saying that we do not recognize the holding in the Crimea peninsula of elections by the Russian Federation, as this is Ukrainian territory.

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

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