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**EU Statement on the Findings of the Joint Investigation
Team on the downing of flight MH17**

We thank the Permanent Representatives of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and of Australia, for their statements related to the downing of flight MH17. We wish to reiterate here our sincere condolences to the families and friends of the many innocent victims on the flight as well as their peoples and their governments.

As the High Representative has declared on behalf of the EU on 25 May 2018, the European Union reiterates its full support for the United Nations Security Council Resolution 2166, which demands that those responsible for the downing of flight MH17 on 17 July 2014 be held to account and that all States cooperate fully with efforts to establish accountability.

On 24 May 2018, the Joint Investigation Team presented further findings of its independent, professional and impartial investigation. It concluded that the BUK installation used to bring down flight MH17 belonged beyond doubt to the armed forces of the Russian Federation.

The European Union calls on the Russian Federation to accept its responsibility and to fully cooperate with all efforts to establish accountability.

The Candidate Countries the FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA*, MONTENEGRO* and ALBANIA*, and the EFTA countries ICELAND and LIECHTENSTEIN, members of the European Economic Area, as well as UKRAINE 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.