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EU Statement on the murder of Oliver Ivanović

The European Union strongly condemns the murder of Oliver Ivanović. We extend our condolences to his family and friends.

The EU expects that the competent institutions spare no effort to find the perpetrators and bring them to justice without delay. The European Union's Rule of Law mission, EULEX, will support the investigation in accordance with its mandate.

All actors must now remain calm, act responsibly and allow the rule of law and justice to take its course.

We reaffirm our support to the EU-facilitated dialogue between Belgrade and Priština. There is no alternative to dialogue, which must continue as soon as possible.

We commend the Italian Chair, the Secretary General and OMIK for their quick reactions. We wish to reiterate our full support to the work of OSCE field missions in the Western Balkans and particularly OMIK in the present circumstances.

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 countries ICELAND, LIECHTENSTEIN and NORWAY, members of the European Economic Area, as well as UKRAINE, GEORGIA and ANDORRA align themselves with this statement.

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