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**EU Statement on Illegally Detained Ukrainian Citizens in  
Russia**

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The European Union remains deeply concerned about the continuing illegal detention in Russia of a number of Ukrainian citizens, including Ukrainian pilot Nadiia Savchenko and film producer Oleh Sentsov. We repeat our call for their immediate release.

Reports that Nadiia Savchenko, without the knowledge of her lawyers, has been transferred to the Serbsky State Scientific Centre for Social and Forensic Psychiatry in Moscow for a psychological examination are particularly disturbing. We note that the Serbsky Centre has a long history of providing controversial assessments in cases of concern.

We once again call on the Russian Federation to abide by its OSCE commitments and its obligations, including as a Member State of the Council of Europe and party to the European Convention on Human Rights.

The Candidate Countries the FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA\*, MONTENEGRO\*, ICELAND+ and ALBANIA\*, the Country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and Potential Candidate BOSNIA and HERZEGOVINA, and the EFTA country NORWAY, 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.

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