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STATEMENT BY THE EUROPEAN UNION AT THE 1314th MEETING OF THE OSCE PERMANENT COUNCIL

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In response to the current issue raised by the United States of America

As it already had the opportunity to convey in its statements of 15 April and 6 May before the Permanent Council, the European Union supports the appeal by the Co-Chairs of the OSCE Minsk Group to resume high-level dialogue at the earliest opportunity under their aegis and strongly encourages the parties to agree together the various parameters for implementation in the long term of a set of measures for stabilization, rehabilitation following the ceasefire and restoring trust. As the Minsk Group Co-Chairs emphasized in their statement on 13 April, this concerns, among other things, access to Nagorno-Karabakh, including for representatives of international humanitarian organizations, and the exchange of all data necessary to conduct effective demining of the conflict-affected areas.

The candidate countries the Republic of North Macedonia¹, Montenegro^{Error! Bookmark not defined.} and Albania^{Error! Bookmark not defined.}, the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate Bosnia and Herzegovina, the European Free Trade Association country and member of the European Economic Area Norway, as well as Andorra and San Marino, align themselves with this statement.

1 The Republic of North Macedonia, Montenegro and Albania continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.