



EUROPEAN UNION

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

The European Union stresses its deep concern about the continuing detention of the Ukrainian pilot Nadiia Savchenko, the Ukrainian film producer Oleh Sentsov and all other persons who have been abducted from Ukrainian territory and are illegally detained in Russia. We call for their immediate release. We regret reports that Ms Savchenko's unlawful detention has been extended until 30 October.

We 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* 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 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.