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EU Statement on Tajikistan

The European Union continues to follow with particular concern the development of freedom of the media in Tajikistan. We welcome recent information that the Tajik authorities permitted the reopening of the Kayhon printing house and that the publishers of Nerui Sukhan were able to bring out an issue of this independent newspaper which had been banned by Tajik authorities in November 2004. We will watch the development of this situation with keen interest and encourage the Tajik authorities to take further steps in assuring the freedom of the press.

The Acceding Countries Bulgaria and Romania, the Candidate Countries Turkey and Croatia ¹, the Countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Serbia and Montenegro, as well as Ukraine and Moldova align themselves with this declaration.

¹ Croatia continues to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process