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EU Statement on Leyla and Arif Yunus

Dr Leyla Yunus and Mr Arif Yunus have last Tuesday arrived in the Netherlands and they have finally now been reunited with their daughter. The compassionate decision of the Azerbaijani authorities to allow the Yunuses to leave the country further contributes to the enhancement of relations between the European Union and Azerbaijan. We continue to call for the full release and rehabilitation of all those currently imprisoned or under restricted movement in Azerbaijan on political grounds, in line with Azerbaijan's international commitments.

The Candidate Countries the FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA*, MONTENEGRO*, SERBIA* and ALBANIA*, the Country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and Potential Candidate BOSNIA and HERZEGOVINA, and the EFTA countries ICELAND and NORWAY, members of the European Economic Area, align themselves with this statement.

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