



EUROPEAN UNION

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EU statement on the Report of the External Auditor

The Member States of the EU thank the OSCE External Auditor for its comprehensive Audit Report and welcome to the Permanent Council Vasyl Nevidomyi, Chief Controller of the Accounting Chamber of Ukraine, and other representatives of the External Auditor. We strongly support the work of the External Auditor, which together with the Audit Committee and the Office of the Internal Oversight plays a key role in promoting effective and efficient management at the OSCE.

We are pleased that no weaknesses or errors pertaining to the accuracy, completeness or validity of the financial statements were found.

We note the recommendations for further improvement of internal controls and IPSAS accounting standards implementation. We note the other observations and advice all of which should be addressed promptly.

We are in position to adopt the draft Decision on the Financial Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2012 and the Report of the External Auditor.

Finally, we would like to thank the External Auditor, the Accounting Chamber of Ukraine, for the work they have done for the OSCE over the past four years and to welcome the nomination by the Permanent Council of the consecutive External Auditors – the German Federal Court of Auditors and the Court of Audit of Spain.

The Candidate Countries the former Yugoslav Republic of MACEDONIA*, MONTENEGRO*, ICELAND+ and SERBIA*, the Countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidates ALBANIA and BOSNIA and HERZEGOVINA, and the EFTA country LIECHTENSTEIN, member of the European Economic Area, as well as the Republic of MOLDOVA, ARMENIA, GEORGIA, ANDORRA and SAN MARINO, align themselves with this statement.

* The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia 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.