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EU Statement in response to the ratification by Serbia and Montenegro of two Council of Europe conventions

The EU welcomes this positive development on the part of Serbia and Montenegro. It is a significant step in the context of the Thessaloniki Agenda mentioned this morning by the distinguished Ambassador of Albania.