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**EU Statement in reply to the current issue “On the situation  
in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”, raised by  
the delegation of the Russian Federation**

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The EU does not see why this point should have been raised as a current issue in today’s meeting of the Permanent Council.

In our view, the authorities and the people of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia are the best placed to judge the developments in the country.

The EU recalls that it is the sovereign right of every state to freely determine the course of its foreign policy, as notably stipulated in the Helsinki Final Act.