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**Joint Statement of the EU Heads of State or Government and the
leaders of the EU institutions on the terrorist attacks in Brussels**

“The European Union mourns the victims of the recent terrorist attacks in Brussels. It was an attack on our open democratic society.

Our common European institutions are hosted in Brussels, thanks to the generosity of the government of Belgium and the Belgian people. The European Union and its Member States stand firm with Belgium in solidarity and are determined to face this threat together with all necessary means.

This latest attack only strengthens our resolve to defend the European values and tolerance from the attacks of the intolerant. We will be united and firm in the fight against hatred, violent extremism and terrorism.”

Mr. Chairman, a few days before the attacks in Brussels, Istanbul’s tourist district suffered another bomb attack and once again, the consequences were dramatic. We extend our deepest condolences to the families and friends of those killed and wish a speedy recovery to the injured.

As the European Union, we reiterate our continuing solidarity and support to Turkey, confronted as the whole international community is by the threat of terrorism.

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 country ICELAND, member of the European Economic Area, as well as the UKRAINE, REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA, ANDORRA and MONACO 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.