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EU Statement concerning the murder of human rights lawyer
Stanislav Markelov and journalist Anastasiya Baburova

The European Union (EU) would like to draw the attention of the Permanent Council to the EU Presidency Statement as follows which was issued on 20 January 2009.

EU Presidency Statement concerning the murder of human rights defender Stanislav Markelov

The Presidency of the European Union expresses its deep concern about the murder of Russian human rights lawyer Stanislav Markelov and of the Novaya Gazeta journalist Ms. Anastasiya Baburova in Moscow on 19 January 2009.

Mr. Markelov, a leading European human rights defender, had represented numerous victims of human rights abuses and their families in the Chechen Republic in domestic and international jurisdictions.

The Presidency of the European Union sends its condolences to the families and colleagues of Stanislav Markelov and Anastasiya Baburova. Sadly, the murder of Mr. Markelov is only the latest in a series of attacks on human rights defenders, journalists and NGO activists. The Presidency calls on the Russian authorities to ensure a thorough, prompt and impartial investigation, to bring all the perpetrators to justice.

The candidate countries TURKEY, CROATIA* and FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA*, the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries ALBANIA, BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA, MONTENEGRO and SERBIA, the European Free Trade Association countries and members of the European Economic Area ICELAND and LIECHTENSTEIN, as well as UKRAINE, the REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA and GEORGIA align themselves with this statement.

*Croatia and Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.