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EU statement on the Presidential election in Mongolia

The European Union would like to draw the attention of the OSCE Permanent Council to the 28 June Statement by the EU High Representative Catherine Ashton on the Presidential election in Mongolia:

“I congratulate the people of Mongolia for exercising their democratic rights in presidential elections on June 26. This is further proof of Mongolia's commitment to values such as the rule of law, democracy and respect for human rights, which are also the guiding principles of the European Union.

I recently had the pleasure of visiting Mongolia, where I got a first-hand impression of the progress achieved so far by the Mongolian people in building a functioning democracy, confidently facing the challenges ahead.

I would like to encourage the Mongolian authorities to enhance their efforts to address issues in the electoral process highlighted in the preliminary assessment of the OSCE/ODIHR International Election Observation Mission.

The EU is ready to assist Mongolia in this regard and to strengthen our cooperation, as proved by the recent signature of the EU-Mongolia Partnership and Cooperation Agreement.”

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 countries LIECHTENSTEIN and NORWAY, members of the European Economic Area, as well as the Republic of MOLDOVA and GEORGIA 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.