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**EU Statement on violence against journalists and human rights
defenders in Russia**

The EU recalls its statement in the last meeting of the Permanent Council of 22 January concerning the murder of human rights defender Stanislav Markelov and journalist Anastasiya Baburova.

We have taken careful note of the response of the Russian Federation in the same meeting.

The EU would like to emphasise once again the importance we attach to the promotion and protection of human rights and to the availability of a free, fair and independent media. In this regard the EU notes that following this latest incident, the Representative on Freedom of the Media has called on President Dmitry Medvedev and Prime Minister Vladimir Putin to undertake a resolute and vocal effort to protect journalists' physical security in the Russian Federation.

We call on the Russian authorities to give their full attention to the points raised by Mr. Haraszi and we trust that the Russian delegation will keep us informed about the outcome of the investigations.

The candidate countries **TURKEY, CROATIA*** and **FORMER YUGOSLAV
REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA***, the countries of the Stabilisation and

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