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## EUROPEAN UNION

### **OSCE Permanent Council No. 1233 Vienna, 20 June 2019**

#### **AOB to be raised by the NL on the JIT findings**

The European Union thanks the Netherlands for its statement and expresses full confidence in the independent, professional and impartial work of the JIT and the Dutch legal system in relation to the downing of flight MH17. To ensure accountability and justice, the ongoing criminal investigation and criminal proceedings need the continuing support of the international community.

We continue to call on the Russian Federation to fully cooperate to establish accountability for the downing of flight MH17, in line with United Nations Security Council Resolution 2166, and to accept its responsibility.

We reiterate our deep condolences to the families and friends of the 298 victims and to the governments of the Netherlands, Australia, Belgium, Canada, China, Germany, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Malaysia, New Zealand, the Philippines, Romania, Vietnam, the United Kingdom, the United States and South Africa, many of them represented here, whose nationals perished in this tragic incident.

The Candidate Countries MONTENEGRO\* and ALBANIA\*, as well as GEORGIA align themselves with this statement.

\* Montenegro and Albania continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.