



## EUROPEAN UNION

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#### **EU Statement on abduction and illegal detention of Ukrainian citizens by the Russian Federation**

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The European Union would like to thank the Ukrainian delegation for the update on recent developments in the Nadia Savchenko case. The kidnapping, illegal transfer to and illegal detention in Russia of Nadia Savchenko, a member of the Ukrainian Parliament, is unacceptable. We deeply regret the decision by a court in Moscow to extend her pre-trial detention until 13 May. We reiterate our strong concern in regard to reports that Nadia Savchenko is seriously ill after more than 60 days of hunger strike to protest the terms of her illegal detention. We once again call on Russia to respect its international commitments and to immediately release Nadia Savchenko as well as Oleh Sentsov and all other Ukrainian citizens illegally detained in Russia. We will continue to follow these cases very closely.

The Candidate Countries the FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA\*, MONTENEGRO\*, ICELAND+ and ALBANIA\*, the Country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and Potential Candidate BOSNIA and HERZEGOVINA, and the EFTA country NORWAY, member of the European Economic Area, as well as UKRAINE, the REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA, GEORGIA and SAN MARINO align themselves with this statement.

\* The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Albania 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.