



Slovensko predsedstvo EU 2008
Slovenian Presidency of the EU 2008
La Présidence slovène de l'UE 2008

PC.DEL/347/08
8 May 2008

ENGLISH only

Slovenian Presidency of the Council of the European Union

**Permanent Council No. 712
8 May 2008**

EU statement on the Armenian Human Rights Ombudsman's report into the events of 1 March

Mr Chairman, on 4 March the European Union expressed its deep concern over the violence in Yerevan during the events of 1 March, which resulted in the loss of life and numerous injuries. We called at that time for an independent investigation into the events of 1 March and what led to them.

We welcome the recent publication by the Armenian Human Rights Ombudsman of his report into the pre and post-election developments, and the invitation to international organisations to a roundtable discussion of the report on 12 May. We encourage the Armenian Authorities to facilitate wider discussion of the report in Yerevan, and follow-up on the issues to be resolved as listed at the end of the document. In this regard, the European Union supports the Ombudsman's recommendation for an independent inquiry into the events of 1 March.

The candidate countries Turkey, Croatia* and the 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 Norway, as well as Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova align themselves with this statement.

eu2008.si



Slovensko predsedstvo EU 2008
Slovenian Presidency of the EU 2008
La Présidence slovène de l'UE 2008

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

eu2008.si

STALNO PREDSTAVNIŠTVO REPUBLIKE SLOVENIJE PRI OVSE ◦ PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA TO THE OSCE
Gumpendorfer Strasse 11/Top 18, 1060 Vienna, Austria ◦ tel: +43 1 581 34 08 0 ◦ fax: +43 1 581 34 17 ◦ e-mail: mdu@gov.si