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Regarding the terrorist attack in Moscow

The European Union condemns in the strongest terms the terrorist attack carried out on Monday at Moscow's Domodedovo airport, which resulted in the tragic loss of more than 30 lives and in injuries to more than 130 persons. There is nothing that can justify this kind of crime.

The European Union extends its sincere condolences to the families and loved ones of the victims and assures the Russian authorities and people, in particular the residents of Moscow, of its feelings of deep sympathy and complete solidarity with them in the face of the ordeal they are experiencing.

The European Union expresses its profound concern in the light of this terrorist act in Russia.

The European Union very much hopes that the persons behind this attack will be found and brought to justice. We restate our determination to combat terrorism unrelentingly, in conformity with international law and with respect for human rights, along with our readiness to co-operate with our friends and partners in this Organization to that end.

The candidate countries Turkey, Croatia¹, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia¹, Iceland² and Montenegro; the Stabilisation and Association Process countries and potential candidate countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Serbia; the European Free Trade Association countries and members of the European Economic Area Liechtenstein and Norway; as well as Ukraine, Republic of Moldova, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, San Marino and Andorra align themselves with this statement.

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

2 Iceland continues to be a member of the European Free Trade Association and the European Economic Area.