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EU Statement on the resumption of gas supplies to South Ossetia, Georgia

The European Union welcomes the resumption of natural gas supplies to South Ossetia, Georgia, which had been disrupted since 8 August 2008.

We highly appreciate the Chairmanship's engagement in this issue and commend all sides for their constructive approach which made it possible to solve this urgent humanitarian problem.

This positive outcome is another good example of the useful role the OSCE can play on both sides of the administrative boundary. It demonstrates the vital role the OSCE plays in strengthening co-operation and working towards security and stability in the region.

The EU supports the Chairmanship's intention to devote similar attention to other urgent humanitarian challenges in the region, including water supply. We stand ready to assist in these efforts and will continue to follow developments.

The candidate countries TURKEY, CROATIA* and 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, LIECHTENSTEIN and NORWAY, as well as UKRAINE and the REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA align themselves with this statement.

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