

## Spanish Presidency of the European Union

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### **EU statement on the situation in Kyrgyzstan**

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The EU remains concerned about the fragile situation in Kyrgyzstan, in particular in relation to reports of land seizures, increased inter-ethnic tensions, additional casualties and outbreaks of violence. We continue to call on all sides to exercise restraint, seek dialogue and contribute to the country's political stability, respect for human rights and the rule of law. We commend those who have organised events to that effect.

The EU would like to express its appreciation for the Chairman in Office's personal engagement in contributing to the stabilisation of the situation in Kyrgyzstan. The OSCE's role during the past weeks shows what we can achieve where there is political will.

The EU looks forward to hearing the CiO's assessment as well as the outcome of his discussions with the Kyrgyz provisional Government regarding possible areas where the OSCE could provide further assistance. The EU underlines the urgent need to take further action to enhance the OSCE presence in Kyrgyzstan

as necessary, on the basis of agreement between the OSCE and Kyrgyzstan, and stands ready to contribute to such efforts.

We share the assessment that the top priority is stabilisation and a swift return to democratic and constitutional order and the rule of law, in line with Kyrgyzstan's international commitments. The EU welcomes the provisional Government's stated intention to work on constitutional reform and rapidly organize democratic elections. In this context the EU calls on the provisional Government to take into account the expert opinions by ODIHR and the Venice Commission on constitutional amendments approved in 2005 and 2007, as well as previous ODIHR Election Observation Mission Reports in the drafting process for a new Constitution and a new election law. We would also encourage the Kyrgyz provisional Government to avail of the support and advice that may be offered by the High Commissioner on National Minorities and the Representative on Freedom of the Media.

The EU considers the ongoing close co-operation between the OSCE, the UN, the EU and other international actors crucial and encourages the Centre in Bishkek to continue its co-ordination efforts. We would like to reiterate our appreciation for the comprehensive daily spot reports.

In a medium term perspective, the EU believes that there are lessons that can be drawn from the OSCE's active handling of the crisis and looks forward to further discussion, primarily in the Corfu Process, in connection with crisis prevention and response capabilities.

Los países candidatos TURQUÍA, CROACIA\* y la ANTIGUA REPÚBLICA YUGOSLAVA DE MACEDONIA\*, los países del Proceso de Estabilización y Asociación y los países candidatos potenciales, ALBANIA, BOSNIA Y HERZEGOVINA, MONTENEGRO y SERBIA, los países de la Asociación Europea de Libre Comercio y los miembros del Espacio Económico Europeo, ISLANDIA, LIECHTENSTEIN y NORUEGA, al igual que la REPÚBLICA DE MOLDAVIA, AZERBAIYÁN y GEORGIA se suman a esta declaración.

\*Croacia y la Antigua República Yugoslava de Macedonia siguen perteneciendo al proceso de Estabilización y Asociación.