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STATEMENT BY THE EUROPEAN UNION AT THE 805th MEETING OF THE OSCE PERMANENT COUNCIL

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Regarding the terrorist attacks in Moscow and Kizlyar

The European Union condemns in the strongest terms the terrorist attacks carried out on 29 and 31 March in the Russian Federation, in the cities of Moscow and Kizlyar, which resulted in the tragic loss of more than 50 lives and in injuries to more than 110 persons.

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

Deeply alarmed by this repeated violence, the European Union hopes that the persons behind these attacks will be found and brought to justice. In this context the EU expresses its concern at the numerous terrorist attacks committed in the North Caucasus. The European Union restates its determination to combat terrorism unrelentingly, in conformity with international law and with respect for human rights.

The candidate countries Turkey, Croatia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia*, the Stabilisation and Association Process countries 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, Lichtenstein and Norway, as well as Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova, Azerbaijan and Georgia, align themselves with this statement.

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