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EU Statement on Abduction and Illegal Detention of Ukrainian Citizens by the Russian Federation

The European Union would like to thank the Ukrainian delegation for the update on recent developments in the Nadia Savchenko case. Russia's illegal detention of a member of the Ukrainian Parliament remains unacceptable. We note with deep concern that Nadia Savchenko is seriously ill after more than 40 days of hunger strike to protest the terms of her detention. We once again call on Russia to immediately release Nadia Savchenko as well as Oleh Sentsov and all other Ukrainian citizens illegally detained in Russia.

The Candidate Countries the FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA*, MONTENEGRO*, ICELAND+ and ALBANIA*, the Country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and Potential Candidate BOSNIA and HERZEGOVINA, and the EFTA country NORWAY, member of the European Economic Area, as well as UKRAINE, the REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA, GEORGIA and SAN MARINO align themselves with this statement.

* The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Albania continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.

+ Iceland continues to be a member of the EFTA and of the European Economic Area.