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EU statement on the adoption of the OSCE 2011 Unified Budget

The European Union is pleased with the timely adoption of the unified budget 2011 of the OSCE. We express our appreciation for the hard work of all those who contributed to finding agreement and for the readiness to show compromise from all sides.

We reiterate our strong belief that adopting the budget according to the rules is a basic principle of sound management and shows the ability of the Organisation to deliver. We call on all partners to continue this best practice in the future.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman.

The candidate countries TURKEY, CROATIA*, the FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA*, ICELAND** and MONTENEGRO, the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries ALBANIA, BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA and SERBIA, the European Free Trade Association country and member of the European Economic Area LIECHTENSTEIN, as well as UKRAINE, the REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA, ARMENIA and GEORGIA align themselves with this statement.

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

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