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#### EU Statement on Reforms in Bosnia and Herzegovina

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The European Union warmly welcomes the endorsement by the Parliament of Bosnia and Herzegovina on 23 February of the Written Commitments to undertake institutional, political, economic, and social reforms. This is a first, important step, in order to regain momentum in the reform process.

High Representative/Vice-President Federica Mogherini addressed the Parliament of Bosnia and Herzegovina following the endorsement of the Written Commitment and underlined that this is an historical opportunity for Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The European Union underlines the need to maintain this positive momentum and calls upon the authorities of Bosnia and Herzegovina to proceed with early development of an initial agenda for reforms, including on issues related to economic and social measures, a functioning market economy, strengthening the rule of law and the process of reconciliation, respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, and a deepening administrative capacity and so to improve the efficiency of institutions at all levels.

The implementation of the initial reform agenda by Bosnia and Herzegovina is going to be key. The European Union stands ready to continue supporting reforms and progress and reaffirms its commitment to Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The Candidate Countries the FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA\*, MONTENEGRO\*, ICELAND+ and ALBANIA\*, and the EFTA countries LIECHTENSTEIN and NORWAY, members of the European Economic Area, as well as UKRAINE, ARMENIA, 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.