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EU statement on the terrorist attack in Algeria

The European Union would like to draw the attention of the Permanent Council to the statement issued on its behalf by High Representative, Catherine Ashton, on the terrorist attack in Algeria, on 20 January 2013:

“On behalf of the EU 27, I express my sympathy to the families of the victims of the terrorist attack at the gas plant at In Amenas in Algeria.

I express my support for the Algerian authorities and the governments of those killed and injured.

These events show once again the threat posed by violent extremist groups in North Africa and throughout the world. We will continue to work closely with our international partners to combat terrorism.”

The Acceding Country Croatia*, the Candidate Countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia*, Montenegro*, Iceland+ and Serbia*, the Countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidates Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina, and the EFTA countries Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, as well as the Republic of Moldova, Armenia, Georgia, Andorra and San Marino, align themselves with this statement.