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EU statement on the Ratification by Mongolia of Two Key Human Rights Conventions

The European Union would like to draw the attention of the Permanent Council to the statement issued by the spokesperson for the High Representative/Vice-President Mogherini on 20 February regarding the ratification by Mongolia of two key human rights conventions:

"Mongolia's recent ratification of both the Optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, and the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance is an important step in promoting and respecting human rights at the international, regional and domestic level. The EU stands ready to assist Mongolia in the full implementation of these key human rights instruments."

The EU calls upon states that have not yet done so to consider signing, ratifying or acceding to the Optional Protocol and the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance as a matter of priority.

Although all OSCE participating States have now ratified the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, much remains to be done in terms of making its provisions a reality. We therefore hope the issue of torture will remain high on the OSCE's agenda.

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, ANDORRA and MONACO 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.