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**EU statement regarding the Norwegian Helsinki Committee
in Kyrgyzstan**

The EU would like to refer to the spot report issued by the Centre in Bishkek on the 7th of July relating to the Norwegian Helsinki Committee in Bishkek. The EU would like to state that we share the concern expressed by the Norwegian delegation and call upon the Kyrgyz authorities to work co-operatively with the NHC to resolve the outstanding issue of registration.

The candidate countries Turkey, Croatia* and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia*, the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate countries Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia, the European Free Trade Association countries and members of the European Economic Area Iceland and Liechtenstein, as well as Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova and Georgia align themselves with this statement.

*Croatia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process

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