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EU Statement on the Political Situation in Kosovo*

Since the general elections of 8 June five months have passed. The ensuing political stalemate is damaging the aim of building a peaceful, democratic, economically successful and multi-ethnic Kosovo. Continuing efforts are needed to move ahead with the process of implementing the EU facilitated Agreement of 19 April 2013 between Belgrade and Pristina.

All this important work must now resume without delay. The constitutive session of the Assembly should be called immediately in the manner foreseen by the Constitution, followed by the swift formation of a new government in accordance with democratic processes. We call on all parties to show leadership, uphold democratic principles, and allow Kosovo's institutions to resume their work.

But the EU underlines the vital importance of the process continuing to be conducted with the utmost respect for democratic values. We also stand ready to support the institutions of Kosovo in their efforts to solve the current political crisis.

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, 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.

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