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EU statement on the OSCE Scales of Contribution

In keeping with our statement on September 24 in the Permanent Council, the European Union has supported the discussions on the OSCE scales of contribution this fall and would like to thank the Greek Chairmanship for its efforts to reach an agreement on scales before the end of the year.

As a revision of the current scales has proven elusive, the EU support their roll-over. In this vein, we support the decision as presented by the Chairmanship. While recognizing that the normal duration of a decision on the scales of contribution is three years, we have accepted the proposed one year roll-over in a spirit of flexibility.

We look forward to continuing the discussion on scales in 2010.

The candidate countries TURKEY, CROATIA* and the FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA*, the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate

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countries ALBANIA, BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA, MONTENEGRO and SERBIA, the European Free Trade Association countries and members of the European Economic Area ICELAND and NORWAY, as well as UKRAINE and the REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA align themselves with this statement.

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