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EU RESPONSE TO THE STATEMENT BY THE HEAD OF THE DELEGATION OF TURKEY, AMBASSADOR ÖMÜR ORHUN

The EU thanks the Turkish Ambassador for his statement, the main message of which we share. We therefore reiterate what all participating States agreed in the Porto Charter on Preventing and Combating Terrorism, namely that we firmly reject identification of terrorism with any nationality or religion and reaffirm that action against terrorism is not aimed against any religion, nation or people.

The Acceding Countries Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, the Slovak Republic and Slovenia and the Candidate Countries Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey align themselves with this statement.