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#### EU statement on the murder of Boris Nemtsov

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The European Union strongly condemns the brutal murder of Boris Nemtsov, the former Deputy Prime Minister of the Russian Federation, former Governor of Nizhny Novgorod and one of the leaders of Russia's liberal opposition. He was killed just before a demonstration which he was organising against the effects of the economic crisis and the conflict in and around Ukraine. In the event, the planned demonstration became a commemorative march which attracted tens of thousands of Russians who marched through Moscow in a show of protest.

Boris Nemtsov was a strong advocate for a modern, prosperous and democratic Russian Federation, open to the world. Our thoughts are with his family and friends and the Russian people.

The EU urges the Russian authorities to conduct a full, rapid and transparent investigation into this assassination, bringing the culprits swiftly to justice. We would appreciate if the Russian delegation could provide the Permanent Council with regular updates on the investigation of the murder.

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 countries NORWAY and LIECHTENSTEIN, members of the European Economic Area, as well as UKRAINE, the REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA, GEORGIA, ANDORRA and SAN MARINO 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.