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Declaration by the High Representative on behalf of the EU on the findings of the Joint Investigation Team on the downing of flight MH17

The European Union reiterates its full support for the United Nations Security Council Resolution 2166, which demands that those responsible for the downing of flight MH17 on 17 July 2014 be held to account and that all States cooperate fully with efforts to establish accountability.

On 24 May 2018, the Joint Investigation Team presented further findings of its independent, professional and impartial investigation. It concluded that the BUK installation used to bring down flight MH17 belonged beyond doubt to the armed forces of the Russian Federation.

The European Union calls on the Russian Federation to accept its responsibility and to fully cooperate with all efforts to establish accountability.

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