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Declaration by the High Representative, Federica Mogherini, on behalf of the EU on the second anniversary of the downing of Malaysian Airlines flight MH17

The EU and its Member States recall the tragedy of flight MH17, which occurred on 17 July 2014, and renew their sympathy to all those who have lost their loved ones. We all remember what happened two years ago with sorrow and sadness.

UNSC resolution 2166 demands that those directly or indirectly responsible for the downing of MH17 must be held accountable and are brought to justice. The EU reiterates its full support to the work of the Joint Investigation Team and the ongoing efforts by the countries involved to come to an effective prosecution. States that are in a position to assist with the investigation and prosecution of those responsible must fully cooperate with the ongoing criminal investigation.

The Candidate Countries Turkey, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia*, Montenegro* and Albania*, the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate Bosnia and Herzegovina, and the EFTA countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, as well as Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova and Georgia align themselves with this Declaration.

*The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Albania continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.

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