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EU Statement on the six year anniversary of the downing of Malaysia Airlines Flight MH17

Tomorrow will mark six years since the downing of Malaysia Airlines Flight MH17.

This tragedy led to the death of 298 innocent people from 17 different countries. Our hearts are with all those who lost their loved ones and we continue to share their grief.

The European Union reiterates its full support for all efforts to establish truth, justice and accountability for the victims and their next of kin, in accordance with UNSC Resolution 2166.

In this context, the EU notes the decision of the Netherlands to submit an inter-State application against the Russian Federation at the ECHR for its role in the downing of Flight MH17.

The EU calls on Russia to accept its responsibility and cooperate fully with the ongoing investigation. The EU expresses its full confidence in the independence and professionalism of the legal procedures that lie ahead.

The Candidate Countries REPUBLIC of NORTH MACEDONIA*, MONTENEGRO* and ALBANIA*, the EFTA countries ICELAND and NORWAY, members of the European Economic Area, as well as UKRAINE, the REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA, GEORGIA, SAN MARINO and AUSTRALIA align themselves with this statement.

* Republic of North Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Albania continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.