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Regarding the agreement on missing persons in the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict

The European Union supports the agreement reached at the Paris Summit to exchange information under the auspices of the International Committee of the Red Cross on persons missing in connection with the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict. We call on the parties to take practical action to move forward as quickly as possible in the implementation of this agreement.

The European Union is willing to provide increased support to conflict settlement efforts in the context of establishing confidence-building measures supporting and fully complementing the Minsk Group, with a view to moving towards a peaceful settlement of the conflict. We reiterate its full support for the mediation efforts carried out by the Co-Chairmen of the Minsk Group.

We call upon the parties to also co-operate with the European Union Special Representative for the South Caucasus and the crisis in Georgia, Herbert Salber.

The candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia¹, Montenegro¹, Iceland² and Albania¹, the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Free Trade Association countries and members of the European Economic Area Liechtenstein and Norway, as well as Ukraine and Monaco, align themselves with this statement.

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

2 Iceland continues to be a member of the European Free Trade Association and of the European Economic Area.