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Declaration by the High Representative on behalf of the European Union on the alignment of certain third countries with the Council Decision 2012/37/CFSP implementing Decision 2011/782/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Syria

On 23 January 2012, the Council adopted Council Decision 2012/37/CFSP[1]. The Council Decision amends the list of persons and entities subject to restrictive measures as set out in Annex I to Decision 2011/782/CFSP.

The Acceding Country Croatia*, the Candidate Countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia*, Montenegro* and Iceland[+], the Countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidates Albania and Serbia, and the EFTA countries Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, as well as the Republic of Moldova align themselves with this decision.

They will ensure that their national policies conform to this Council Decision.

The European Union takes note of this commitment and welcomes it.

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1 Published on 24.01.2012 in the Official Journal of the European Union no. L 19, p. 33.

* Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Montenegro 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.