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Declaration by the High Representative on behalf of the European Union on the alignment of certain third countries with Council Decision 2012/420/CFSP amending Decision 2011/782/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Syria and Council Implementing Decision 2012/424/CFSP implementing Council Decision 2011/782/CFSP

On 23 July 2012, the Council adopted Council Decision 2012/420/CFSP [1] and Council Implementing Decision 2012/424/CFSP[2].

Council Decision 2012/420/CFSP strengthens the enforcement of restrictive measures concerning arms and equipment for internal repression set out in Decision 2011/782/CFSP, in particular by imposing the obligation to inspect, in accordance with national legislation and consistent with international law, all vessels and aircraft bound for Syria in their seaports and airports, and in their territorial sea, if there is reasonable ground to believe the cargo of such vessels and aircraft contains prohibited goods.

Council Implementing Decision 2012/424/CFSP includes additional persons and entities to the list of persons and entities subject to restrictive measures as set out in the Annex I to Decision 2011/782/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Syria.

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1 Published on 24.7.2012 in the Official Journal of the European Union no. L 196, p. 59.

2 Published on 24.7.2012 in the Official Journal of the European Union no. L 196, p. 81.

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

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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[*] Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia 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