Statement by the High Representative on behalf of the EU on the alignment of certain countries concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Syria

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On 14 July 2023, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2023/14671, amending Decision 2013/255/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Syria.

The decision extends until 24 February 2024 the humanitarian exemption, which was introduced on 23 February 2023 to the freezing of the assets of, and to the restrictions on making funds and economic resources available to, natural or legal persons and entities designated under Decision 2013/255/CFSP, to the benefit of international organisations and certain defined categories of actors involved in humanitarian activities.

The candidate countries North Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Albania, Ukraine, Republic of Moldova and Bosnia and Herzegovina2, the potential candidate country Georgia, the EFTA countries Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area align themselves with this Council 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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2 North Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.

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