



Statement on behalf of the European Union and its Member States

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Mr. Chair,

I have the honour to speak on behalf of the European Union and its Member States.

The Candidate Countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia*, Montenegro*, Serbia* and Albania*, the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate Bosnia and Herzegovina, and the EFTA country Liechtenstein, member of the European Economic Area, as well as Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova, and Georgia, align themselves with this statement.

We thank the Committee on Relations with the Host Country for its report on its activities conducted during the reporting period. We also thank the former Representative of Cyprus Ambassador Emiliou and the incumbent Permanent Representative of Cyprus Mr. Korneliou for presiding over the work of the Committee during the past year, as well as the other members of the Bureau, and the Secretariat staff for their support. We further express appreciation towards the United States for its important service to the United Nations community in fulfilment of its responsibilities as host country under the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations and the Headquarters Agreement.

This year's Report demonstrates that the Committee continues to provide an important forum to raise issues which concern the relationship between the host country and the United Nations community. Such issues, though often practical in nature, go to the heart of preserving the legal regime that defines the status of the United Nations and outlines the rights and obligations of diplomatic agents.

The EU further appreciates the friendly spirit in which the Committee conducts its work and, in line with the recommendations and conclusions contained in the report of the Committee, anticipates that all issues raised at meetings of the Committee, shall be settled in a spirit of cooperation and in accordance with international law.

I thank you.

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