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EU Statement on the Events in Ferguson

The European Union thanks the United States Mission to the OSCE for sharing information in today's Permanent Council on the events in Ferguson, Missouri, and its Government's response to these events.

We appreciate when OSCE participating States voluntarily address national issues and we would welcome wider application of this practice in the relevant Committees and the Permanent Council. This helps us hold each other to account, as our shared commitments are matters of direct and legitimate concern to all participating States.

We welcome the swift action to clarify the circumstances of the shooting and killing of Michael Brown and to address the response of the local police to the demonstrations which occurred following the death of Mr. Brown. We acknowledge the ongoing efforts of the US authorities at different levels to address issues related to the use of police force and race relations.

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 countries LIECHTENSTEIN and NORWAY, members of the European Economic Area, as well as UKRAINE, ARMENIA, GEORGIA and ANDORRA align themselves with this statement.

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