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EU statement on Georgia

The European Union expresses its deep concern about the agreement signed on 17 February 2010 by Russian President Medvedev with the de-facto leader of the Georgian region of Abkhazia - without the consent of the Government of Georgia - regarding the joint use of the Gudauta military base for a period of 49 years.

The EU does not consider the 17 February agreement compatible with the principle of territorial integrity nor helpful for the ongoing international efforts to stabilize the region. We call once again for full implementation of the 12 August and 8 September 2008 agreements, including the withdrawal of all military forces to the positions held prior to the outbreak of hostilities.

The EU reiterates its firm support for the security and stability of Georgia, based on full respect for the principles of independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity recognized by international law.

Los países candidatos TURQUÍA, CROACIA* y la antigua REPÚBLICA YUGOSLAVA DE MACEDONIA*, los países del Proceso de Estabilización y

Asociación y los países candidatos potenciales, ALBANIA, BOSNIA Y HERZEGOVINA y MONTENEGRO, los países de la Asociación Europea de Libre Comercio y los miembros del Espacio Económico Europeo, ISLANDIA, LIECHTENSTEIN y NORUEGA, al igual que UCRANIA, la REPÚBLICA DE MOLDAVIA y AZERBAIYÁN se alinean con esta declaración.

*Croacia y la Antigua República Yugoslava de Macedonia siguen perteneciendo al proceso de Estabilización y Asociación