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**Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union
and the countries of Central and Eastern Europe,
Cyprus and Malta, countries associated with the European Union,
and EFTA countries Iceland and Norway,
members of the European Economic Area,
on a visa ban against extremists
in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia**

The Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union, the associated countries Cyprus and Malta, and the EFTA countries Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, declare that they share the objectives of common position 2001/542/PESC defined by the Council of the European Union on 16 July 2001 on the basis of Article 15 of the Treaty on European Union concerning a visa ban against extremists in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. They will ensure that their national policies conform to that common position.

The European Union takes note of this commitment and welcomes it.

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