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**Declaration by the High Representative on behalf of the
European Union following the ICC decision concerning the
arrest warrants for Muammar Abu Minya Gaddafi, Saif Al
Islam Gaddafi and Abdullah Al Sanousi**

The European Union has taken note of the decision of the International Criminal Court's Pre-Trial Chamber I on 27 June to issue an arrest warrant against Muammar Abu Minya Gaddafi, Saif Al Islam Gaddafi and Abdullah Al Sanousi in connection with alleged crimes against humanity in Libya.

The European Union fully supports the International Criminal Court, which plays a key role in the promotion of international justice. The International Criminal Court is an essential mean of promoting respect for international humanitarian law and human rights, thus contributing to security, justice and the rule of law as well as contributing to the preservation of peace and the strengthening of international security.

The EU recalls the fundamental principle contained in the Rome Statute of the

International Criminal Court that the most serious crimes of concern to the international community as a whole must not go unpunished. Putting an end to impunity for the perpetrators of these crimes contributes to the prevention of such crimes.

The EU calls for full co-operation with the International Criminal Court and underscores that the International Criminal Court's investigation in Libya is an independent judicial process which must be fully respected.

P R E S S

The Candidate Countries Croatia*, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia*, Montenegro* and Iceland⁺, the Countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidates Albania and Serbia, and the EFTA country Norway, member of the European Economic Area, as well as the Republic of Moldova, Armenia and Georgia align themselves with this declaration.

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

⁺ Iceland continues to be a member of the EFTA and of the European Economic Area