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**STATEMENT BY  
THE EUROPEAN UNION AT THE 1531st (SPECIAL) MEETING OF THE  
OSCE PERMANENT COUNCIL**

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**On the announcement of an agreement to normalize relations between  
Armenia and Azerbaijan**

The European Union welcomes the announcement of an agreement between President Aliyev and Prime Minister Pashinyan, brokered by United States President Donald Trump, to normalize relations between Armenia and Azerbaijan.

It will now be important to ensure the timely implementation of the agreed measures concerning the signature and ratification of the peace treaty, the text of which was initialled in Washington by the Foreign Ministers of both parties. With that in mind, the European Union endorses the joint appeal by the two Foreign Ministers, Ararat Mirzoyan and Jeyhun Bayramov, calling for the dissolution of the OSCE Minsk Group structures.

It emphasizes its support for the process proposed by the OSCE Chairmanship to that end and expresses its commitment to ensuring that this agreement paves the way for the adoption as soon as possible of the OSCE Unified Budget, which is essential for the Organization's smooth functioning.

It reiterates its support for the normalization of relations between Armenia and Azerbaijan, in particular for the practical implementation of the next steps, with respect for international law, the territorial integrity and sovereignty of both States and the principles established by the 1991 Alma-Ata Declaration.

These announcements represent a decisive step towards lasting peace and security in the region. The normalization of relations between Armenia and Azerbaijan should enable the South Caucasus to become an area of peace, integration and co-operation, with open borders, for the benefit of the peoples of the region and the OSCE area as a whole.

Albania, Andorra, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Monaco, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, the Republic of Moldova, San Marino, Serbia and Ukraine align themselves with this statement.