

[Declaration by the High Representative on behalf of the EU on the alignment of certain countries concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in the Republic of Maldives](#)

On 16 July 2018 the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2018/1006^[1] concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in the Republic of Maldives. This Decision establishes a sanctions framework in response to the continuing deterioration of the rule of law and human rights in the Maldives and ahead of the presidential elections scheduled for end September 2018.

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 the Republic of Moldova and Armenia, align themselves with this declaration.

They will ensure that their national policies conform to this Council Decision.

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

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

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