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**Declaration by the High Representative on behalf of the
European Union on the alignment of certain third countries
with the Council Decision 2012/74/CFSP and Council Decision
2012/144/CFSP implementing Decision 2010/656/CFSP
renewing the restrictive measures against Côte d'Ivoire**

On 10 February 2012, the Council adopted Council Decision 2012/74/CFSP¹. The Council Decision amends the list of persons and entities subject to restrictive measures as set out in Annex II to Decision 2010/656/CFSP.

On 8 March 2012, the Council adopted Council Decision 2012/144/CFSP². The Council Decision amends the list of persons subject to restrictive measures as set out in the Annexes I and II to Decision 2010/656/CFSP.

The Acceding Country Croatia*, the Candidate Countries Turkey, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia*, Montenegro*, Iceland⁺ and Serbia*, the Country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate Albania, and the EFTA countries Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, as well as the Republic of Moldova, Armenia, and Georgia, align themselves with this Decision.

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

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

¹ Published on 11.02.2012 in the Official Journal of the European Union no. L 38, p. 43.

² Published on 09.03.2012 in the Official Journal of the European Union no. L 71, p. 50

* Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia 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.

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