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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 2012/159/CFSP amending
Decision 2011/172/CFSP concerning restrictive measures
directed against certain persons, entities and bodies in view of
the situation in Egypt**

On 19 March 2012, the Council adopted Council Decision 2012/159/CFSP¹. The Council Decision extends the restrictive measures until 22 March 2013 as set out in article 5 of Decision 2011/172/CFSP.

The Acceding Country Croatia*, the Candidate Countries 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, 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 20.03.2012 in the Official Journal of the European Union no. L 80, p. 18

* 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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