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**Declaration by the High Representative on behalf of the
European Union on the alignment of certain third countries
with Council Decision 2012/225/CFSP amending Decision
2010/232/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against
Burma/Myanmar**

On 26 April 2012, the Council adopted Council Decision 2012/225/CFSP¹. The Council Decision extends the restrictive measures as set out in Decision 2010/232/CFSP until 30 April 2013, and suspends the measures in Articles 3 to 13a of Decision 2010/232/CFSP. This Decision therefore suspends all restrictive measures against Burma/Myanmar, with the exception of the arms embargo and the embargo on equipment which may be used for international repression, which are retained. It also removes certain persons from the list of persons in part J of Annex II to Decision 2010/232/CFSP subject to a visa ban and an asset freeze.

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 country Liechtenstein, member of the European Economic Area, as well as the Republic of Moldova, Armenia, and Georgia, align themselves with this decision.

¹ Published on 27.4.2012 in the Official Journal of the European Union no. L 115, p. 25.

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

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