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Declaration on behalf of the European Union on the alignment of certain third countries with the Council Decision 2014/386/CFSP concerning restrictions on goods originating in Crimea or Sevastopol, in response to the illegal annexation of Crimea and Sevastopol and Council Decision 2014/507/CFSP amending Council Decision 2014/386/CFSP

On 23 June 2014, the Council adopted Council Decision 2014/386/CFSP¹.

The Council Decision prohibits import of goods originating in Crimea or Sevastopol into the European Union and provision of financial and insurance services related to the import of such goods. However, goods originating in Crimea or Sevastopol, which have been granted a certificate of origin by the Ukrainian authorities, may still be imported into the EU.

On 30 July 2014, the Council adopted Council Decision 2014/507/CFSP² amending Council Decision 2014/386/CFSP.

Council Decision 2015/507/CFSP provides for a ban on new investments related to infrastructure in the sectors of transport, telecommunications and energy. New investment in regard to projects for the exploitation of natural resources in Crimea and Sevastopol is also prohibited. Furthermore, key equipment and technology related to those sectors may not be exported to Crimea and Sevastopol.

In addition, the amending Decision 2014/507/CFSP has changed the title of this sanctions regime to now read: "Council Decision 2014/386/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in response to the illegal annexation of Crimea and Sevastopol".

¹ Published on 24.6.2014 in the Official Journal of the European Union no. L 183, p. 70.
² Published on 30.7.2014 in the Official Journal of the European Union no. L 226, p. 20.

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The Candidate Countries Iceland⁺ and Albania^{*}, the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process, and the EFTA country Norway, member of the European Economic Area, as well as Ukraine and Georgia align themselves with these Decisions.

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

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

⁺ Iceland continues to be a member of the EFTA and of the European Economic Area.

^{*} Albania continues to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.