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## DECLARATION WITH REGARD TO ICELAND, THE KINGDOM OF NORWAY, THE SWISS CONFEDERATION AND THE PRINCIPALITY OF LIECHTENSTEIN

The Parties to the Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Albania on operational activities carried out by the European Border and Coast Guard Agency in the Republic of Albania take note of the close relationship between the European Union and Iceland, the Kingdom of Norway, the Swiss Confederation and the Principality of Liechtenstein, particularly by virtue of the Agreements of 18 May 1999 and 26 October 2004 concerning the association of those countries with the implementation, application and development of the Schengen acquis.

In such circumstances it is desirable that the authorities of Iceland, the Kingdom of Norway, the Swiss Confederation and the Principality of Liechtenstein, on the one hand, and the Republic of Albania, on the other hand, conclude, without delay, bilateral agreements on operational activities carried out by the European Border and Coast Guard Agency in the Republic of Albania in terms similar to those of the Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Albania on operational activities carried out by the European Border and Coast Guard Agency in the Republic of Albania.