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Declaration by High Representative Catherine Ashton
on behalf of the European Union concerning the situation of
Abdulhadi Al-Khawaja

The EU expresses its serious and profound concern about the situation of Mr. Abdulhadi Al-Khawaja, who has been on hunger strike for more than two months. His health is seriously deteriorating and his life is at risk. The EU urges in the strongest possible terms the Bahraini authorities to find a compassionate, pragmatic and humanitarian solution to Mr. Al-Khawaja’s deteriorating health situation as a matter of the utmost urgency.

The Acceding Country Croatia*, the Candidate Countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia*, Montenegro*, Iceland* and Serbia*, the Countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidates Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina, and the EFTA countries Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, as well as the Republic of Moldova align themselves with this declaration.

* 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.