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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 2013/88/CFSP amending Council Decision 2010/800/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea

On 18 February 2013, the Council adopted Decision 2013/88/CFSP amending Council Decision 2010/800/CFSP.

The Decision strengthens restrictive measures by imposing ban on sale, supply or transfer to the DPRK of goods which could contribute to its weapons of mass destruction-related programmes, and implements UNSCR 2087(2013).

The Decision adopts additional EU autonomous measures prohibiting trade in gold, precious metals and diamonds and the delivery of new DPRK denominated banknotes and coinage to the Central Bank. In addition, the Decision outlaws the sale or purchase of DPRK bonds and the opening of new branches, subsidiaries, or representative offices of DPRK banks in the EU. Furthermore, EU Member States financial institutions are not permitted to open offices and subsidiaries in the DPRK.

1 Published on 19.2.2013 in the Official Journal of the European Union no. L 46, p. 28.

* 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
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 Armenia align themselves with this declaration.

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

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