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**Declaration by the High Representative on behalf of the
European Union on the alignment of certain third countries
with Council Implementing Decision 2012/335/CFSP
implementing Council Decision 2011/782/CFSP concerning
restrictive measures against Syria**

On 25 June 2012, the Council adopted Council Decision 2012/335/CFSP¹. The Council Decision includes additional persons and entities to the list of persons and entities subject to restrictive measures as set out in the Annex I to Decision 2011/782/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Syria.

The Acceding Country Croatia*, the Candidate Countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia*, 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 align themselves with the decision.

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

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

¹ Published on 26.6.2012 in the Official Journal of the European Union no. L 165, p. 80.

* 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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