



Statement on behalf of the Member States of the European Union

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Mr Chairman,

The Acceding country Croatia*, the candidate countries Turkey, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia*, Montenegro* and Serbia*, the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate Bosnia and Herzegovina, the EFTA country Liechtenstein, member of the European Economic Area, as well as the Republic of Moldova, align themselves with this statement.

Mr Chairman,

In this regard, we welcome the overview report of the Secretary General which shows some progress has been made. We also welcome his proposals on managed mobility. But before

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Mr Chairman,

Turning to mobility, we are on record as strong proponents of the principle of managed mobility. We agree with the ACABQ view that a better managed organisational mobility programme has the potential to contribute to delivery of mandates and respond better to the career aspirations of staff. We therefore support the Secretary General's proposed framework

for mobility and career development, bearing in mind that any mobility programme should also account for budgetary constraints and existing mobility patterns, and take note of the

1. On the implementation. In this regard, we have given a number of