

Statement on behalf of the Member States of the European Union

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Mr Chairman,

I have the honour to speak on behalf of the Member States of the European Union.

The Candidate Countries Turkey, Montenegro*, Iceland* and Serbia*, the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidates Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as Ukraine, align themselves with this statement.

Mr Chairman,

I would like to thank Special Adviser and Assistant Secretary-General Ms Sarah Cliffe for introducing the

We also note that the report before us will be the last standalone one on civilian capacity in the aftermath of conflict and that with the disbanding of the standalone team by this summer, the work will be incorporated within existing structures and business processes without requiring extra resources. This is welcome. We would like to acknowledge the progress that has been made and commend the commitment of the Secretary General to ensuring that the promotion of effective civilian capacity in the

aftermath of conflict and crisis continues to be a priority across the UN system. In this regard, applying