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Statement by High Representative/Vice-President Federica Mogherini on the signature of a "Treaty on Alliance and Strategic Partnership" between the Russian Federation and Georgia's breakaway region of Abkhazia

The Russian Federation's signature today of a so-called "Treaty on Alliance and Strategic Partnership" with Georgia's breakaway region of Abkhazia is detrimental to ongoing efforts to stabilise the security situation in the region.

Just like earlier agreements signed between the Russian Federation and Abkhazia, this violates Georgia's sovereignty and territorial integrity, contradicts principles of international law and the international commitments of the Russian Federation, including the 12 August 2008 Agreement and its Implementing Measures of 8 September 2008.

The EU reiterates its firm support for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Georgia within its internationally recognised borders.

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