15th Meeting of the EU-Albania Stabilisation and Association Parliamentary Committee (1-2 December 2022)

<u>Joint-Statement by Co-Chairs Manolis KEFALOGIANNIS (European Parliament) and</u> Taulant BALLA (Parliament of Albania)

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Following the 15th Stabilisation and Association Parliamentary Committee Meeting, which took place on 1-2 December 2022 in Brussels, Co-Chairs Manolis Kefalogiannis (European Parliament) and Taulant Balla (Parliament of Albania) stated:

"On 1 and 2 December 2022, the EU-Albania Stabilisation and Association Parliamentary Committee held its 15th meeting. This was its second meeting in 2022, following the successful meeting in Tirana in February. These meetings a clear sign that both parliaments have a keen interest in maintaining a dynamic dialogue and pro-actively supporting Albania's EU integration process that has received a strong impetus with the holding of the first Intergovernmental Conference in July, and the ensuing beginning of the screening exercise.

We had sincere and fruitful exchanges on all agenda items. We are proud that our common consensus-oriented approach enabled us, once again, to conclude our meeting by adopting another set of solid recommendations that reflect our shared positions on a large number of issues, including geopolitical considerations and our unwavering solidarity with Ukraine and condemnation of the Russian aggression, achievements and challenges in the reform process, as well as protection of fundamental rights, including minority rights and media freedom, and the prospects of elimination of roaming charges between Albania and other Western Balkan countries, and EU Members."