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STATEMENT, DATED 8 DECEMBER 1994, BY THE PRESIDENCY ON BEHALF OF THE EUROPEAN UNION ON THE ACCESSION OF UKRAINE TO THE TREATY ON THE NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS

The European Union has published the attached statement, dated 8 December 1994, on the accession of Ukraine to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons. The statement is being circulated to all Member States at the request of the Resident Representative of the Federal Republic of Germany on behalf of the European Union.

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The European Union strongly welcomes the accession of Ukraine to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons as a non-nuclear weapons State on 5 December 1994. They acknowledge the speedy implementation of Ukraine's commitment to become a State free of nuclear weapons.

The European Union is convinced that this important step will prepare the path for the full implementation of the START-treaties and the continuation of the nuclear disarmament process.

The European Union calls upon Ukraine to conclude as soon as possible a full scope safeguards agreement with the IAEA according to Article III of the NPT.

The European Union calls upon all other States still outside the NPT to accede to this Treaty as soon as possible. They have taken note of the remaining CIS countries' pledge to do so.

The European Union reiterates its vow for indefinite and unconditional extension of the NPT and calls upon all States parties to the Treaty to endorse the same goal. It therefore welcomes the commitment of all CSCE-Members to this goal.

The acceding countries Austria, Sweden and Finland associate themselves with this statement.

The Central and Eastern European countries associated with the Union align themselves with this statement.