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Statement by EU foreign ministers at the GAERC meeting in Luxemburg

EU Foreign Affairs ministers

The Council expressed its full support for the Troika process and for the EU's Representative therein, Ambassador Wolfgang Ischinger.

The Council welcomed the intense pace of activity and the constructive atmosphere of the first rounds of talks.

Noting that the Troika process will be concluded by the Contact Group reporting to the UN Secretary General by 10 December, the Council urged both parties to engage in the remaining negotiations with creativity, boldness and in a spirit of compromise and to make every effort to secure a negotiated settlement of the status of Kosovo.