I have the honour to deliver this statement on behalf of the EU and its Member States.

The Candidate Countries Turkey, Serbia*, the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as the Republic of Moldova align themselves with this statement.

On behalf of the European Union and its Member States, at the outset let me congratulate the experts participating in the ICESDF for their hard work.

We welcome the Report of the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development Financing. It reinforces the framework of Monterrey consensus and the Doha declaration in line with the changing global context by giving a comprehensive, logically structured, well analysed view of the situation, the challenges, and the key areas of action both at country and global level. It acknowledges the new paradigm of sustainable development that entails growing needs and highlights the diversity of sources from public to private actors which can be mobilized to finance sustainable development.

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* The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Albania continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.
The richness of the report needs to be taken into account in the upcoming discussions. We welcome for example the reiteration of the Monterrey principles of centrality of policies and action at country level, the need to look at all means of implementation together, and the supportive role an enabling international environment can play in implementation, if all parties do their part. We would also like to stress the need for all parties to contribute their fair share.

To be relevant, the Addis conference needs to be forward-looking and reflect the global trends. The recommendations of the ICESDF report will help us in Addis to update the Monterrey Consensus and Doha Declaration in the same direction, so as to take into account the challenge of sustainable development. The high quality of the report gives us a great opportunity to base our upcoming political negotiations on the facts and analysis of the expert nominated by all regional groups. The EU will actively participate in the negotiations to prepare a serious, fact-based outcome of the Addis Conference, proposing an ambitious and realistic framework on the basis of which internationally agreed goals will be implemented.

Thank you.