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JOINT STATEMENT

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and
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Parliamentary Association Committee

on the Report on the downing of the MH17 by the Dutch Safety board

Brussels, 14 October 2015. “We welcome the release of the report by the Dutch Safety Board on the downing of the MH17, in which 298 persons tragically died. We commend this work as an example of impartial and honest investigation identifying all facts and analysis on downing of the Malaysia Airlines flight over the conflict-hit region in the East of Ukraine in July 2014. We take note, amongst others, of the conclusion drawn that the plane was downed by a missile installed on a BUK surface-to-earth missile system.”

“We commend the cooperation between Ukraine, Malaysia, Australia, the United States, the Russian Federation, and the United Kingdom in providing information to the international expert team led by the Dutch Safety Board. This demonstrates that a constructive cooperation between the states involved in the investigation is possible, and that all parties are committed to understand what happened and to unveil the truth. In that respect, we want to stress the importance of concluding, under international law, of the investigation on the identification of those responsible of such tragedy.”

“We support the establishment of an international criminal tribunal, and welcome this proposal by a number of UN Members states. Regrettably, the possibility to establish such a tribunal was vetoed by the Russian Federation. We therefore call on the Russian Federation to fully cooperate with the international community in order to conduct comprehensive and impartial criminal investigation, and bring the responsible ones to justice.”

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