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EU adds the “Governor of Sevastopol” to its sanctions list over actions against Ukraine's territorial integrity

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European Medicines Agency to be relocated to Amsterdam, the Netherlands

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European Banking Authority to be relocated to Paris, France

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The EU 27 ministers today selected **Paris, France**, as the new seat for the European Banking Authority (EBA). The selection took place in the margins of

the General Affairs Council (Article 50), in accordance with the procedure endorsed by the EU 27 heads of State and Government on 22 June 2017.

The two EU agencies currently based in the UK, the European Medicines Agency (EMA) and the European Banking Authority (EBA), need to be relocated in the context of the **UK's withdrawal from the EU**.

The European Banking Authority (EBA) works to ensure effective and consistent prudential regulation and supervision across the European banking sector. Among other tasks, the EBA **assesses risks and vulnerabilities in the EU banking sector** through regular risk assessment reports and EU-wide stress tests.

The Commission will now prepare legislative proposals reflecting today's vote for adoption under the ordinary legislative procedure, with the involvement of the European Parliament. The Council and the Commission are committed to ensuring that these legislative proposals are processed as quickly as possible in view of the urgency of the matter.

Paris, France – Offer to host the European Banking Authority (EBA):

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Declaration by the High Representative on behalf of the European Union on Myanmar/Burma

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The European Union remains a strong and committed supporter of Myanmar/Burma's democratic transition.

The humanitarian and human rights situation in Rakhine State remains extremely serious. The EU reiterates its call for the immediate end of all

violence and the establishment of non-discriminatory rule of law and civilian administration in Rakhine State. The restoration of humanitarian access for the United Nations and international aid agencies is critical. Conditions for voluntary, safe and dignified return to their places of origin have to be put in place.

Recalling Council conclusions on Myanmar/Burma of 16 October 2017, the European Union calls on the Government of Myanmar/Burma to ensure accountability for those responsible for committing atrocities.

In the context of the 13th ASEM Foreign Ministers meeting in Nay Pyi Taw on 20-21 November 2017, the European Union welcomes the way forward outlined by State Counsellor Aung San Suu Kyi, starting by swiftly finalising a bilateral agreement with Bangladesh on return, and proceeding with implementing recommendations of the Advisory Commission on Rakhine State.

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