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The Council stressed the Union's willingness to start as soon as possible negotiations for a Stabilisation and Association Agreement with Albania. In this spirit, it recognised the efforts undertaken by the Albanian government to move forward in this direction. The Council nonetheless noted that attention has been diverted from the vital reforms, which are essential for Stabilisation and Association Agreement negotiations. It encouraged all political forces in Albania to unify their efforts in order to accelerate the implementation of such reforms.