STATEMENT

by EU High Representative Catherine Ashton following her meeting with the Prime Minister of Albania

Catherine Ashton, High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice President of the Commission, issued the following statement today:

"I met today with the Prime Minister of Albania, Edi Rama, as part of his first formal visit to Brussels after the June parliamentary elections. I congratulated the Prime Minister on the establishment of the new coalition government that took up its functions on 15 September.

We had a warm and open dialogue in which the Prime Minister presented the key priorities of his government. I was pleased to hear of the commitment of the government to the EU integration process of Albania and the entire region.

I also welcome the commitment of the new government to an inclusive domestic political dialogue and to continuing the constructive role of Albania in the region, in particular the adherence to stable borders as well as the ambition to further deepen relations with all countries in the region, with EU Member States and a broad range of partner countries."

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