STATEMENT

by the Spokesperson of EU High Representative Catherine Ashton on the occasion of the participation of Taiwan in the 38th Assembly of the International Civil Aviation Organisation

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

"The High Representative welcomes the invitation to Taiwan to attend the 38th Assembly of the International Civil Aviation Organisation as a guest of the President of the ICAO Council. This invitation will help promote the security of international aviation and assist the ICAO in achieving its goal of creating a Seamless Asian Sky.

In line with our East Asia Policy Guidelines, the High Representative encourages initiatives aimed at promoting dialogue, practical cooperation and confidence-building across the Taiwan Strait. The High Representative supports Taiwan's practical participation in those multilateral organisations where its presence is important for EU and global interests."