STATEMENT

by EU High Representative Catherine Ashton on the award of the 2013 Nobel Peace Prize to the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW)

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

"I wish to express my warmest congratulations to OPCW on the award of this year’s Nobel Peace Prize. This comes as a reward for OPCW’s unceasing efforts to achieve the goals of the Chemicals Weapons Convention, the only international instrument banning an entire category of weapons of mass destruction.

The award of the Nobel Prize comes as the Organization continues its joint mission with the UN to destroy Syria's chemical weapons and open the way for a peaceful and durable solution to the crisis in that country. I reiterate the EU’s commitment to assist in this unprecedented challenge in the history of the OPCW."

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