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STATEMENT

by the Spokesperson of EU High Representative Catherine Ashton
on the approval by the Lebanese Parliament of the new government's
Ministerial Declaration

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 congratulates Prime Minister Tammam Salam and his ministers on the parliamentary approval of the Ministerial Declaration with a great majority of votes.

In her statement of 16 February immediately following the government formation, the High Representative conveyed her encouragement for the government to address without delay the extraordinary challenges Lebanon is facing, renew strong and proactive governance, take action to maintain peace and security, and prepare the timely holding of Presidential and Parliamentary elections as foreseen this year. She reaffirms her encouragement and expresses her conviction that the time to act is now.

The High Representative also reiterates the continued commitment of the EU to contribute to meeting Lebanon’s growing needs."

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