Statement by the High Representative, Catherine Ashton, on behalf of the European Union welcoming the ceasefire in the North of Yemen

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

"The European Union welcomes the recent ceasefire in the conflict between the Government of Yemen and the Houthis in the North of the country. The EU looks forward to the consolidation of a sustainable and verifiable ceasefire, which must bring the fighting to an end, alleviate the humanitarian situation of the population, and allow the Government of Yemen to tackle the multiple challenges that the country is facing.

The EU recalls its commitment to a unified, stable, democratic and prosperous Yemen. Building on the recent High Level Meeting in London, the EU remains ready, in close coordination with Yemen neighbours and other international partners, to continue supporting Yemen's security challenges and state-building efforts with a comprehensive approach. The EU supports efforts towards establishing a genuine and comprehensive national dialogue involving all stakeholders, and to keep up efforts and commitment to make this process work."

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