Declaration by HR Ashton on behalf of the European Union on the decision by the Government of Israel to build new housing units in East Jerusalem

The EU condemns the decision by the Government of Israel to build new housing units in East Jerusalem. Israel should reverse this decision. The EU calls upon the Israeli authorities to fulfil all their commitments and obligations vis-à-vis the peace process and to refrain from unilateral decisions and actions that may jeopardize the final status negotiations. The European Union reiterates that settlements are illegal under international law. They undermine current efforts for restarting peace negotiations, constitute an obstacle to peace and threaten to make a two-state solution impossible.