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Statement by
the spokesperson of HR Catherine Ashton,
on heritage sites in Hebron and Bethlehem

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 regards the recent decision by the Government of Israel to add sites in Hebron and Bethlehem to the list of Israeli national heritage sites as detrimental to attempts to re-launch peace negotiations. The European Union calls on Israel to refrain from provocative acts. The European Union recognises the importance of these religious sites to all three Abrahamic faiths and supports the principle of access for all."

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