Statement by High Representative Catherine Ashton on the Parliamentary Elections in Sri Lanka

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

"I congratulate President Rajapaksa and the UPFA on their success. I also welcome the fact that these elections took place in a largely calm atmosphere. The EU looks forward to working with the newly elected Sri Lankan government in the implementation of its ambitious political agenda including national reconciliation.

The EU has noted reports of incidents on election day and trusts that the authorities will take appropriate action to ensure that these are properly investigated and resolved."

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