Statement by EU High Representative Catherine Ashton on the adoption of the UN General Assembly resolution on the ICJ opinion on Kosovo

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 warmly welcome the adoption in New York of the UNGA resolution.

The adoption of the resolution is an important step forward for the future of both Serbia and Kosovo.

Now dialogue can start between Pristina and Belgrade in a positive manner, and I look forward to all parties continuing to be constructive and forward looking.

The EU, as I have already announced, offers to facilitate this dialogue in order to promote cooperation, achieve progress on the path to Europe and improve the lives of the people. The process of dialogue in itself will be a factor for peace, security and stability in the region."