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Statement by
EU High Representative Catherine Ashton
on the General Elections
in the United Republic of Tanzania

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 welcome the peaceful conduct of the general elections in mainland Tanzania and Zanzibar and I congratulate the people and the authorities for their contribution to this process.

I particularly note the positive atmosphere and very high voter turnout in Zanzibar, where political parties have aligned around the creation of a Government of National Unity.

These elections have reinforced the results of the Referendum in July where Zanzibaris demonstrated that they want to put the troubles of the past behind them and work towards establishing a climate of peace and stability. I recognise the deep significance of this manifestation of reconciliation.

Finally, I would like to thank the Chief Observer of the EU Election Observation Mission, David Martin, MEP and his team for an excellent job."

NOTE TO EDITORS: Upon invitation of the Tanzanian authorities, the European Union deployed for the first time in Tanzania an Election Observation Mission (EU EOM). A six Member Delegation of the European Parliament also joined the EU Observation mission. The mission, deployed since September, will continue its assessment and remain in the country until the end of the electoral process.

For a preliminary report on the elections by EU EOM Tanzania:
http://www.eueom.eu/eu-eom-tanzania/reports

For more info: http://www.eueom.eu/tanzania2010/home?LANG=en

http://ec.europa.eu/delegations/tanzania/index_en.htm


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