Statement by EU High Representative Catherine Ashton on the Presidential Elections in the Republic of Guinea

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

“The second round of Presidential elections in the Republic of Guinea was a crucial step in sustaining the country’s democratisation process. I warmly congratulate the Guinean voters for showing in a peaceful manner their commitment to this historical process of transition to Democracy. The European Union recognises the challenging environment in which these elections took place.

It is now of paramount importance that the Independent National Election Commission ensures transparency of the process until the end and publishes as soon as available the detailed results of this election in full respect of existing procedures.

I call upon the citizens and political actors in Guinea to remain committed to a responsible attitude and to solve any possible complaint or dispute related to the electoral process through legal means.

The European Union, in close coordination with the other international and African partners, remains firmly engaged in supporting the Republic of Guinea in its current transition towards the establishment of democratically legitimate institutions. The deployment of a European Union Election Observation Mission (EU EOM) is a further manifestation of this support. I thank the Head of mission, Hon. Alexander Graf Lambsdorff and his team for the long lasting work done. The mission deployed since May will continue its assessment and remain in the country until the end of the current electoral process.”