Statement by the spokesperson of HR Catherine Ashton, on the United States of America joining the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

“The adoption of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in 2007 advanced the rights and ensured the continued development of indigenous peoples around the world. In line with the Declaration, the European Union seeks to promote the rights of indigenous peoples throughout the world. High Representative Catherine Ashton warmly welcomes the announcement made by the United States of support for the UN Declaration. The European Union hopes to play an active role together with its partners in bringing forward initiatives to secure implementation of the standards set out in the Declaration.”