Joint statement by EU High Representative Catherine Ashton
and Commissioner Stefan Füle
on Morocco's future constitutional reform

We welcome the King of Morocco's announcement yesterday of extensive constitutional reform.

It represents a commitment to further democratization. The proposed constitutional reform touches on key elements for modernisation, such as regionalisation, the independence of justice, the separation of powers, the strengthening of the government’s role and equality for women. Once fully implemented, it will be a qualitative leap in the process of reforms already initiated by Morocco.

It opens a period of political debate that should include all political actors and civil society and be a response to the legitimate aspirations of the Moroccan people.

The proposed constitutional reform is in line with the ambitions of the Advanced Status. The European Union stands ready to support Morocco's efforts to implement such far-reaching reforms.