Catherine Ashton travels to Egypt and to G8 Foreign Ministers meeting in Paris

Catherine Ashton, High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy/Vice-President of the European Commission, travels today (Sunday) to Cairo for talks with the Egyptian leadership and the Arab League.

During her visit in Egypt, the High Representative will meet Prime Minister Essam Sharaf, Foreign Minister Nabil El Araby and Amre Moussa, Secretary General of the Arab League.

She will debrief them on the results of Friday’s Extraordinary European Council and on the proposals contained in the joint communication of 8th March from the High Representative and the European Commission. These ideas, endorsed by the European Council, aim to enhance EU support to Egypt and other partner countries in the Southern Mediterranean, as they continue their process of political transformation.

Catherine Ashton will also discuss the results of Saturday’s meeting of Arab League foreign ministers, and in particular the deliberations on the situation in Libya.

On Monday evening, she will travel on to Paris for a meeting of the G8 foreign ministers, where the main focus will also be the unfolding developments in the Southern Mediterranean.

The High Representative will brief the press following her meetings in Egypt and will also participate in the closing press conference at the G8, at 14.00 on Tuesday at the Centre de Conferences Ministerielle. Europe by Satellite will provide coverage of both visits (EBS).

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