Statement by the High Representative, Catherine Ashton, on the adoption of the UN General Assembly Resolution on the EU's participation in the work of the UN

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

"I am very pleased that the United Nations General Assembly adopted today's Resolution ¹, which takes account of the institutional changes brought by the Lisbon Treaty.

The Resolution will in future enable EU representatives to present and promote the EU's positions in the UN, as agreed by its Member States.

The Lisbon Treaty reaffirms the EU's commitment to the principles of the UN Charter, calling for multilateral solutions to common problems and challenges.

I have placed great importance in the EU's cooperation with the UN, so I am delighted that this Resolution will allow us to continue to support the UN's vital work in a coherent and effective manner."

¹ UN General Assembly Resolution A/65/L.64/Rev.1: Strengthening of the United Nations system. Participation of the European Union in the work of the United Nations was passed by 180 votes in favour, 0 against and 2 abstentions.