Statement by the High Representative, Catherine Ashton, on the appointment of Fernando Gentilini as EU Special Representative in Kosovo

Catherine Ashton, the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy/Vice-President of the Commission, welcomed today the Council decision to appoint Fernando Gentilini as European Union Special Representative in Kosovo until 31 July 2011:

"I am very pleased that the Council has, on the basis of my recommendation, appointed Fernando Gentilini as EU Special Representative in Kosovo.

Fernando Gentilini has an in-depth knowledge of the Western Balkans and of Kosovo in particular, and I look forward to working very closely with him.

In his temporary position, he will prepare for a strengthened and long-term EU presence in Kosovo, in line with the Lisbon Treaty and the European perspective of the whole region.

I would also like to warmly thank the outgoing Special Representative, Pieter Feith, for his dedication and excellent work throughout his mandate."

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