Statement by High Representative Catherine Ashton on the new Secretary General of the League of Arab States

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 welcome the appointment of Nabil El-Araby, the Foreign Minister of Egypt, to be the new Secretary General of the League of Arab States. I wish him every success in this important and challenging role.

I would also like to express my appreciation for outgoing Secretary General, Amre Moussa, and thank him for his constructive approach and excellent co-operation.

Current events in the region are shaping the future and Dr El-Araby's determination and leadership in driving the League's initiatives forward will be crucial.

I look forward to a continued close co-operation with Dr El-Araby and the League of Arab States as a key partner of the EU."

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