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Statement by High Representative Catherine Ashton on the release of Azerbaijani journalist Eynulla Fatullayev from prison

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 release from prison yesterday of Azerbaijani journalist and editor Mr Eynulla Fatullayev. This is an important step taken by the authorities of Azerbaijan following the European Court of Human Rights’ ruling last year in Mr Fatullayev’s favour. I encourage the Azerbaijani authorities to continue their efforts to further strengthen democracy and rule of law as well as to respect its international commitments related to democracy and human rights.”