Statement by the Spokesperson of EU High Representative Catherine Ashton on the Myitsone Dam project in Myanmar (Burma)

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

We are encouraged by the news that the President of Myanmar (Burma) has decided to halt the controversial Myitsone Dam project in northern Kachin State. We welcome the Government’s readiness to address the ecological and economic concerns about this project, and its willingness to listen to diverse voices on this subject following a strikingly open nationwide debate. It is encouraging to see the leadership starting to put into practice its commitment to be a “Government of the people”.

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