Statement by the spokesperson of the High Representative

Catherine Ashton on Liberia

The spokesperson of Catherine Ashton, High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice President of the Commission, issued the following statement:

"The High Representative welcomes the holding of Presidential and Legislative elections in Liberia on 11 October and was encouraged by the initial comments from the international observers, which all indicated that the election day was peaceful and that voting and counting took place in very good order.

She congratulates the Liberian people, as well as the candidates, the political parties, and the National Elections Commission (NEC) on this significant step towards the further consolidation of democracy.

The High Representative underlines that it is the collective responsibility of each and every Liberian to ensure that the gains made so far in building Liberian democracy are maintained. In particular, the High Representative reiterates the call to all political parties to sustain their efforts to ensure a peaceful completion of the electoral process. She looks forward to the announcement of the results by the NEC in accordance with constitutional provisions.

The EU will continue to accompany Liberia on its path towards the consolidation of democracy and equitable prosperity through active political engagement and development cooperation."

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