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Statement by the spokesperson of EU High Representative Catherine Ashton on the meeting between EEAS Deputy Secretary General Helga Schmid and Eugenia Tymoshenko

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 today:

«The Deputy Secretary General of the European External Action Service, Helga Schmid, today met Ms Eugenia Tymoshenko, the daughter of Ukrainian opposition leader Yulia Tymoshenko. DSG Helga Schmid and Ms Tymoshenko discussed Yulia Tymoshenko’s conditions under detention, including different reports on her deteriorating state of health and her access to independent medical advice and treatment. In this regard, Ms Eugenia Tymoshenko reiterated the need for urgent and adequate medical treatment to be provided to her mother.

DSG Helga Schmid recalled the EU’s disappointment with the conduct of the prosecution as well as the verdict and the appeals process in the case of Yulia Tymoshenko, and expressed the need for a solution to the other outstanding cases of selective justice in Ukraine.

The meeting also provided an opportunity to discuss recent developments in Ukraine and the prospects for EU-Ukraine relations, bearing in mind Yulia Tymoshenko’s strong support for the finalisation of the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement.»