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Statement by the spokesperson of EU High Representative, Catherine Ashton, on the decision to appoint the members of the Independent High Commission for Human Rights in Iraq

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

“The High Representative Catherine Ashton warmly welcomes the vote in the Iraqi parliament yesterday to appoint the members of the Independent High Commission for Human Rights.

As the first independent institution of its kind in Iraq, the Independent High Commission for Human Rights will be expected to play an important role in promoting human rights in Iraq, and in helping to ensure that any reports of human rights violations are properly investigated.

The High Representative encourages the Iraqi authorities to ensure that the Independent High Commission for Human Rights will now receive all necessary support that will enable it to begin its work.”

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