Statement by the spokesperson of the High Representative on the Egyptian Supreme Constitutional Court’s rulings of 14 June declaring the legislative framework governing the parliamentary elections unconstitutional

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

"The High Representative is following very closely the situation in Egypt and takes note of the Supreme Constitutional Court’s rulings of 14 June. The exact consequences of declaring the legislative framework governing the parliamentary elections unconstitutional should be clarified as soon as possible.

The High Representative calls on all parties to ensure a peaceful and transparent environment for the run-off of the Presidential elections this weekend, as the electoral process will continue to be followed closely. She stresses the fundamental importance of the democratic process and institutions, and the duty to protect basic human rights for all. The Egyptian people must be able to determine their own future. The High Representative reiterates the importance of the transfer to civilian rule as soon as possible, according to the announced timetable.

The EU emphasises its full support to the democratic transition which must lead to a strong response to the people's demands for freedom, democracy and economic opportunity."

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