Statement by the spokesperson of High Representative Catherine Ashton on anti-Semitic statements by Iranian First Vice-President Rahimi

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 High Representative is deeply disturbed by racist and anti-Semitic statements made by Iranian First Vice-President Mohammad Reza Rahimi at the UN "International Day against Drug Abuse" in Tehran on Tuesday 27 June. She condemns them unreservedly.

Such statements are unacceptable and should not be tolerated. The High Representative reiterates the European Union's absolute commitment to combating racism and anti-Semitism."

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