Statement by High Representative Catherine Ashton following her call with Dr. Jalili of Iran

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

"As agreed after the Moscow meeting, today I spoke with the chief Iranian nuclear negotiator Dr. Jalili about how to move the talks with Iran on the nuclear issue forward.

Since these talks resumed in April, I, supported by the representatives of China, France, Germany, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom, the United States of America, have explored diplomatic ways to resolve international concerns about Iran’s nuclear programme.

I impressed the need for Iran now to address the issues we have raised in order to build confidence. I proposed, and Dr Jalili agreed, that we talk again after further reflection at the end of the month."