Statement by the Spokesperson of High Representative
Catherine Ashton on the execution of Mr Marvin Wilson
in Texas

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 deeply regrets the execution yesterday of Mr Marvin Wilson in the State
of Texas.

The High Representative recognises the serious nature of the crime involved and expresses her
sincere sympathy to the surviving family and friends of the victim. However, she does not believe
that their loss has been mitigated by Mr Wilson's death.

The EU opposes the use of capital punishment in all cases and under all circumstances and calls
for a global moratorium as a first step towards its universal abolition. With capital punishment any
miscarriage of justice, from which no legal system is immune, represents an irreversible loss of
human life."