Statement by EU High Representative Catherine Ashton on the decision of Thailand to abolish the death penalty for juvenile offenders

Catherine Ashton, the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the Commission, today made the following statement:

"I warmly welcome the decision by the cabinet of the Royal Government of Thailand to abolish the death penalty for juvenile offenders. I encourage the Government's efforts to solidify its commitment under Thailand's Human Rights Strategy 2009-2013 and strive towards complete abolition of the death penalty. I hope this decision will also set an example for other countries in the region."

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