Statement by the spokesperson of High Representative Catherine Ashton on the Legislative Council elections in Hong Kong

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 takes note of the Legislative Council elections in Hong Kong held on 9 September.

Hong Kong is an important partner for the EU and shares values of openness, tolerance and respect for fundamental freedoms. The European Union attaches great importance to Hong Kong's stability, economic prosperity and democratic development and, in accordance with the basic law of the Hong Kong SAR and the wishes of the people of Hong Kong, supports the goal of universal suffrage by 2017."

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