Statement by the Spokesperson of High Representative Catherine Ashton following the meetings of the Ad Hoc Liaison Committee and the AHLC Chair with donors

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:

High Representative Catherine Ashton participated in the meeting of the Ad Hoc Liaison Committee for Palestine (AHLC) on Sunday in New York and also took part in the meeting of the AHLC Chair (Norway) with the representatives of the donor community today.

At both meetings the High Representative reaffirmed the EU's position on the need to move urgently towards the resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, in the interest of stability, prosperity, lasting peace and security in the region. She stressed that the achievements in building Palestinian state institutions as well as the economic viability of the Palestinian Authority are crucial in this context.

The High Representative called upon all donors to step in and help the PA. She stressed the importance of moving forward on all political issues, addressing the dire economic situation, and security issues of concern to both parties.