Statement by the spokesperson of EU High Representative Catherine Ashton on the imminent execution of Zanyar Moradi and Loghman Moradi

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 is concerned by reports that the execution of Zanyar Moradi and Loghman Moradi, members of the Kurdish Komalah Party, who were sentenced to death on charges of murder, is imminent. She is worried by claims that the two individuals confessed under torture and she appeals for clemency.

This seems to point to a disturbing consistency in the extensive use of capital punishment, as confirmed by the high number of executions carried out in Iran throughout 2012.

The EU holds a strong, principled position against the death penalty. It calls on Iran, as it does on all states which insist on maintaining capital punishment, to halt all pending executions and to introduce a moratorium on the death penalty.