Statement by the High Representative, Catherine Ashton, following the adoption by the UN Security Council of Resolution 2087 on North Korea

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:

“I welcome the unanimous adoption by the UN Security Council of Resolution 2087 on 22 January 2013. This underlines the depth of the concern about North Korea’s repeated violations of its international obligations and the resolve of the international community to act in solidarity in its response.

The EU will transpose without delay the new Resolution and will consider additional measures in consultation with its key partners.

I deplore the announcement by the North Korean authorities that they intend to proceed with further provocative actions, including a new nuclear test. I call on the North Korean authorities to choose a more constructive path, through engagement with the international community, including in the framework of the Six-Party Talks, which would be conducive to regional stability and would improve the welfare of the North Korean people.”