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Statement by EU High Representative Catherine Ashton on the latest developments in the Maldives

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

"I am following the latest developments in the Maldives with concern. I call on all parties to refrain from actions or statements which are liable to inflame the political climate in the country. I underline the urgent need to resume dialogue between the parties, so as to ensure that the presidential elections set for September 2013 are credible, transparent, inclusive and fully representative of the wishes of all Maldivians, and so that the reforms identified by the Commission of National Enquiry in August 2012 can be rapidly implemented."

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