Joint Statement by EU High Representative Catherine Ashton and Commissioner Štefan Füle on the no-confidence vote taken by the Moldovan Parliament on 5 March 2013

Catherine Ashton, High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Commissioner Štefan Füle made today the following statement:

Commenting on the no-confidence motion passed this morning by a majority of Members of the Moldovan Parliament against the Government of the Republic of Moldova, the spokespersons of Catherine Ashton, High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the Commission, and Štefan Füle, EU Commissioner for Enlargement and European Neighbourhood Policy, made today the following remarks:

"We take note of today's no-confidence vote of the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova and the dismissal of the Moldovan Government that ensues. This vote takes place as Moldova has made substantial progress in its visa liberalisation process and the completion of ambitious negotiations on an EU-Moldova Association Agreement is within sight.

We call on all the political groups and non-affiliated Members of the Moldovan Parliament to engage in genuine political dialogue without delay, with a view to achieving a strong and stable majority committed to promoting democratic values and the rule of law as well as pursuing the path towards political association and economic integration with the EU, for the benefit of the citizens of the Republic of Moldova."