Statement by EU High Representative Catherine Ashton
following the presidential election in Paraguay

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 congratulate Horacio Cartes for his election as President of Paraguay and the Paraguayan people for the high participation and orderly and calm conduct of the elections.

The European Union Electoral Observation Mission, headed by the Member of the European Parliament, Ms Renate Weber, will make its preliminary assessment tomorrow 23 April.

Paraguay is an important partner for the European Union in Latin America. I look forward to continuing and strengthening our relations with the country and the new authorities in the political, economic, trade and social development areas at both bilateral and regional level."

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