Statement by High Representative Catherine Ashton and Commissioner Štefan Füle on the parliamentary elections in Albania on 23 June 2013

Catherine Ashton, High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy/Vice President of the Commission, and Štefan Füle, Commissioner for Enlargement and European Neighbourhood Policy, made today the following statement:

"The parliamentary elections in Albania on 23 June represent a crucial test for the country's democratic institutions and its progress towards the European Union.

We continue to monitor closely the preparations of the elections stressing the need to hold them in line with international and European standards and encourage adequate follow up to the findings of the Interim Report of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights Electoral Observation Mission. In this context, it is also key that the political leaders find a way, acceptable to all, to make the Central Electoral Commission fully operational.

We recall that it is the joint responsibility of all Albanian political leaders and parties to reinforce the confidence and trust of the public in the electoral process and create conditions for election results to be accepted by all."

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