Statement by the spokesperson of EU High Representative Catherine Ashton on elections in Bhutan

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

“The High Representative congratulates the Bhutanese people for their democratic engagement and participation in the general elections of 13 July 2013, through which they have demonstrated their commitment to peace and multi-party democracy, in an important period in the country’s development.

She takes note of an overall efficient organisation of the voting process and the peaceful atmosphere that marked it. Upon invitation by the Bhutanese authorities, the European Union sent an Election Expert Mission to Bhutan.

The High Representative recalls that the European Union is a committed partner of Bhutan and looks forward to continue strengthening its relationship and cooperation with this country.”

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