Statement by the Spokesperson of EU High Representative
Catherine Ashton following the
Eastern Partnership Ministerial Meeting

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:

"High Representative Catherine Ashton chaired the annual meeting of the Eastern Partnership
Foreign Ministers in Brussels today. In their debate the ministers focused on the preparation of the
next Eastern Partnership Summit in Vilnius on 28 and 29 November of this year.

At today's meeting, the High Representative stressed that the European Union wants the summit to
be a success, but this very much depends on the partner countries who need to deliver on their
commitments.

So far, important progress has already been achieved. Catherine Ashton underlined that the efforts
must continue so that the summit will represent a milestone in the relationship between the EU and
partner countries.

She stressed that - provided that the remaining steps will be taken in the weeks ahead - the Vilnius
summit would be a summit of delivery, both in terms of political association and economic
integration."

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