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Statement by EU High Representative Catherine Ashton on the International Women's Day, 8 March

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

"Today we celebrate International Women's Day. While we can be proud of the significant progress already made, this day reminds us that much work lies ahead to achieve gender equality.

While women are still underrepresented politically, the European Union has been encouraged by the leading role they played in the Arab Spring. We hope that women will maintain a central role as these countries continue their political transition. The EU will continue to provide support to women's groups in the southern Mediterranean, as it does cross the world, through projects such as the one which allowed Libyan women to observe elections in Tunisia.

On this special day, the EU reaffirms its commitment to promoting gender equality and the advancement of women worldwide."