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## S T A T E M E N T

### **by EU High Representative Catherine Ashton on the tropical cyclone in the Philippines**

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 am saddened to hear of the devastation that has resulted from Typhoon Haiyan (Yolanda) striking large parts of the Visayan region of the Philippines. Even as the full extent of the loss of life and damage to property has yet to be fully established, I would like to express my sympathy and solidarity with the families of the victims.*

*In a year when the Philippines has seen more than its fair share of natural disasters, the Filipino people have earned a worldwide reputation for extraordinary resilience and strength of character in the face of adversity.*

*As the Philippines seeks to provide emergency relief to its people and looks ahead to reconstruction of the affected areas, it may count on the solidarity and assistance of the European Union."*

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