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## S T A T E M E N T

**by the Spokesperson of EU High Representative Catherine Ashton on the  
signing of the UN Convention Against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or  
Degrading Treatment or Punishment by Vietnam**

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 warmly welcomes the signing of the UN Convention Against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (UNCAT) by Vietnam on 7 November 2013.*

*She is encouraged by this important step towards improvement of the legal framework for protection of human rights in Vietnam, which was announced during the EU-Vietnam Human Rights Dialogue on 11 September.*

*The High Representative now looks forward to timely ratification and implementation of UNCAT."*

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