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## S T A T E M E N T

**by the Spokesperson of EU High Representative Catherine Ashton on the Meeting on 19 November in Vienna of the Presidents of Armenia and Azerbaijan through the mediation of the OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chairs**

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 welcomes the meeting between President of the Republic of Armenia Serzh Sargsyan and President of the Republic of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliiev held in Vienna on 19 November and commends the OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chairs and their efforts in facilitating the resumption of top level meetings. The Presidents' agreement to advance negotiations and meet again in the months ahead is encouraging.*

*The European Union is ready to engage in renewed efforts towards political settlement of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict and to further contribute to peace-building efforts, in support of and in full complementarity with the OSCE Minsk Group."*

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