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**by EU High Representative Catherine Ashton on the occasion of
signing the Comprehensive Agreement between the Government of
the Philippines and Moro Islamic Liberation Front in Manila**

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 would like to extend my warmest congratulations to the Government of the Philippines and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front for the signing of the Comprehensive Agreement on Bangsamoro on 27 March 2014 in Manila.

The Signature of this agreement, which should set the conditions for lasting peace, is a truly historic and welcome moment for the people of the Philippines.

This achievement will undoubtedly re-enforce the willingness of all parties to take the necessary steps to implement the agreement. The European Union, as a long-term supporter of the peace process in Mindanao, a member of the International Monitoring Team and a major development partner, will continue to lend its full support to the implementation of this agreement."

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