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## STATEMENT

### **by EU High Representative Catherine Ashton on Fiji's progress towards democracy**

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 welcome the publication today by the Fijian Government of the Electoral Decree, the appointment of a Supervisor of Elections and the announcement of 17 September 2014 as the date of the elections. These are important milestones in Fiji's transition to democracy.*

*I am looking forward to an electoral process that ensures equal opportunities to all candidates and political parties with free and balanced media coverage. A credible transparent and inclusive process will be important in assuring the people of Fiji and international partners of the legitimacy of the outcome of the elections."*

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