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## STATEMENT

**by the Spokesperson of EU High Representative Catherine Ashton on  
El Salvador's accession to the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR aiming at  
the abolition of the death penalty**

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:

*"High Representative Catherine Ashton warmly welcomes the official accession of El Salvador, on April 8th, to the 1989 Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights on the abolition of the death penalty.*

*She congratulates El Salvador on reinforcing the global trend towards the abolition of the capital punishment, by becoming the 80th state party to this important treaty.*

*The European Union reaffirms its objective of working towards universal abolition of the death penalty. It hopes that the accession to the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR by El Salvador will encourage other countries to follow this example. "*

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