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R E M A R K S

Opening remarks by EU High Representative Catherine Ashton at the Informal meeting of European Union Foreign Ministers (Gymnich)

"Good afternoon,

Foreign Ministers will come together at this Gymnich meeting and talk on a slightly more informal basis but also a more strategic basis.

Not surprisingly, we will be talking about the events happening in Ukraine and I will be reporting on my meetings in Minsk with the four Presidents.

We will also be considering what is happening in our southern neighbourhood. The devastation and the effects on Iraq but also the concerns we have on Syria. And then a discussion too on events on the ceasefire in the Middle East.

So we have a very full programme and no doubt I will report back to you again later."

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