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**Javier SOLANA,
EU High Representative for the CFSP,
welcomes the decision by the Belarusian authorities to register
the "For Freedom" movement**

Javier SOLANA, EU High Representative for the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP), welcomed today the decision of the Belarusian Ministry of Justice to register the For Freedom movement headed by former Belarusian presidential candidate Aliaksandr Milinkevich.

The issue of legal rights of civil society organisations has played an important role in the ongoing dialogue between the European Union and the Belarusian authorities. The release of the last internationally recognised political prisoners last August has led to a new phase in this dialogue. The decision on the For Freedom movement is an important step, which will further support positive developments in the relationship between the European Union and Belarus.

These comments are attributable to Cristina Gallach, Spokeswoman for Javier Solana, EU High Representative for the CFSP

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