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**Declaration by High Representative, Catherine Ashton,
on the decision by the Israeli authorities on the Shepherd Hotel**

The European Union condemns the recent decision of the Israeli authorities to authorise construction around the Shepherd Hotel in East Jerusalem. The international community is making every effort to facilitate the resumption of peace talks. Settlement construction in East Jerusalem is illegal and undermines these efforts. The EU calls on Israel to reverse this decision.

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