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**Statement by the spokesperson of  
High Representative Catherine Ashton  
on the release of Ai Weiwei**

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:

*"The High Representative welcomes the reports that the artist Ai Weiwei has been released, while regretting the circumstances of his detention.*

*This case has been the subject of widespread concern and featured among others in the recent EU-China human rights dialogue held last week in Beijing."*

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