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## **Statement by EU High Representative Catherine Ashton on the accession of Tunisia to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court**

Catherine Ashton, the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the Commission made the following statement:

*"I warmly welcome the accession of Tunisia to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court on 24 June 2011.*

*It is an important step towards combating impunity of war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide. I am convinced that Tunisia will make a highly valuable contribution to the Court's work.*

*I would like to seize this opportunity to reiterate the European Union's unwavering support for the Court. There has been a steady increase in the number of ratifications this year and with Tunisia the number of ICC States is now 116. I trust that Tunisia's accession to the Rome Statute will encourage other partners in the EU's neighbourhood to take similar steps."*

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