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High Representative Catherine Ashton visits the new EU Situation Room

The High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Catherine Ashton, made the following statement on the occasion of her visit today to the new EU Situation Room:

“Today, I am particularly pleased to announce that, with the creation of the new EU Situation Room, the European External Action Service (EEAS) has taken another important step in strengthening the EU’s capabilities in the field of crisis response and crisis management.

As part of the EEAS Crisis Response Department, the EU Situation Room:

- *will provide worldwide monitoring, current situation awareness, and front line service for the EU Delegations and CSDP¹ Missions/Operations, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, the year around;*
- *will provide support to the political work of the EEAS Crisis Platform;*
- *will strengthen relations with relevant crisis coordination centres in the 27 Member States.*

I am also pleased that no additional resources are required for the establishment of the new EU Situation Room due to an effective reorganisation of existing resources.”

Background:

The EU Situation Room is part of the EEAS Crisis Response Department. It is operational since 15 July 2011.

The main tasks of the EU Situation Room are the following:

- To lead, manage and develop all EEAS permanence and situational awareness capabilities;
- To staff and support the EEAS Crisis Platform;

¹ Common Security and Defence Policy

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- To ensure that all EEAS services can continuously have access to accurate and updated situational awareness as regards the political situation worldwide, the particular situations affecting EU Delegations and EU CSDP Missions/Operations as well as events and situations potentially affecting EEAS staff from a duty-of-care perspective;
- To manage and develop relations with similar crisis mechanisms in certain International Organisations and a number of third countries.

Photo coverage: [EU situation room](#)
