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Statement by EU High Representative Catherine Ashton welcoming the release of political prisoners in Myanmar

The High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the Commission issued the following statement today:

"I am pleased to see the decision of Myanmar President U Thein Sein to grant an amnesty to a number of political detainees. The majority of political detainees have now been set free. The EU, along with other members of the international community, has long advocated the unconditional release of all political prisoners.

I welcome therefore the undertaking by the Government to establish a transparent review mechanism for remaining political prisoners.

The EU will continue to work with the Government of Myanmar, to deepen and broaden political and economic relations. We share the goal of a better future for the people of the country."

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