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## **Statement by HR Catherine Ashton on further ships carrying humanitarian aid to Gaza**

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

*"I am concerned about reports of further ships carrying humanitarian aid to Gaza. I would like to call on all of those involved to exercise calm and restraint at this particular juncture. The European Union is working with its international partners and the parties to bring about an end to the policy of closure in Gaza that would allow the people to get on with their ordinary lives. An escalation of tensions and unnecessary confrontations should be avoided."*

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