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**Statement by EU High Representative Catherine Ashton
on the next steps at the UN concerning the advisory opinion on Kosovo**

Catherine Ashton, High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, made today the following statement after an agreement was reached between the EU and Serbia to co-sponsor a United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) draft resolution on the International Court of Justice (ICJ) advisory opinion on Kosovo:

"I warmly welcome the announcement by the President of Serbia, Boris Tadic, on the next steps at the UN General Assembly concerning the draft resolution on the ICJ advisory opinion on Kosovo.

This draft resolution will now be a resolution put forward by 28 European countries. All 27 EU member states and Serbia will be co-sponsoring this draft resolution.

We have been working together with Serbia and this result today is a reflection of our common commitment to Serbia's European perspective.

After the UNGA vote on 9 September 2010 the important thing will be that the dialogue between Belgrade and Pristina can start. This dialogue will in itself be a factor for peace, security and stability in the region."

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