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Statement by EU High Representative Catherine Ashton on the release of Aung San Suu Kyi

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, Aung San Suu Kyi, leader of the democratic opposition in Burma/Myanmar, was released from house arrest. Over the many years of her repeated and unjustified detentions, she has been a symbol of fortitude and of the hope for the better future which the people of her country deserve. It is essential that Aung San Suu Kyi have unrestricted freedom of movement and speech; and that all remaining political prisoners be set free. This would allow for a truly inclusive dialogue and for the beginning of a credible transition to democracy. I urge the Government of Burma/Myanmar to begin such a dialogue, including with Aung San Suu Kyi, to advance national reconciliation. On behalf of the many citizens of the European Union who have defended her cause over these years, and of all those who are resisting oppression and working for a better Burma/Myanmar, I pay homage to her."

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