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Statement by High Representative Catherine Ashton on the elections in Tunisia

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

“Yesterday's historic elections for the Constituent Assembly mark the beginning of a new era in Tunisia.

In a climate of freedom, millions of citizens stood in line to cast their votes and decide their future in a peaceful and orderly manner.

The Tunisian revolution paved the way to the “Arab spring” nine months ago and yesterday Tunisian citizens had the opportunity, for the first time, to choose freely their democratic representatives. The EU Election Observation Mission will make its assessment soon but today I want to congratulate and pay tribute to the Tunisian people and their peaceful struggle for their rights and democratic aspirations.”

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