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**Javier SOLANA,  
EU High Representative for the CFSP,  
statement on the elections in Lebanon**

Javier SOLANA, EU High Representative for the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP), issued the following statement concerning yesterday's elections in Lebanon.

*"Yesterday's elections in Lebanon were an important step in the democratic evolution of the Middle East. Although it will be some time before the full results are known and before we have a comprehensive account of how polling was carried out, the situation remained calm and voting proceeded in an orderly and dignified manner. This is to be commended.*

*Lebanon has experienced many difficult moments in recent times, but there is a great deal of evidence to show that there is a will for stability and peace. The country is moving rapidly in a remarkable way towards more stability. I encourage the formation of a coalition government as soon as possible, in order to consolidate this process in all the country."*