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**Statement by
Javier SOLANA,
EU High Representative for the CFSP,
on the normalisation of relations between Turkey and Armenia**

Javier SOLANA, EU High Representative for the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP), today made the following statement on the normalisation of relations between Turkey and Armenia:

"I welcome yesterday's agreement between Turkey and Armenia to start internal political consultations on the protocols providing the framework for establishing diplomatic relations.

This is a crucial step towards normalisation of bilateral relations, which would greatly contribute to peace, security and stability throughout an important region of Europe.

I commend the courage and vision of both sides to move forward with this historic process. I hope the two protocols can be signed, ratified, and implemented in the near term.

I congratulate Switzerland for its mediation efforts and stands ready to offer support and assistance to the normalisation process."

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