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**Statement by the spokesperson of HR Catherine Ashton
on the Referendum on the formation
of the Government of National Unity in Zanzibar**

The spokesperson of High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy/Vice President of the Commission Catherine Ashton issued the following statement today :

"The High Representative congratulates the people of Zanzibar on the peaceful conduct and outcome of the referendum which was held on 31 July. The result shows that a clear majority of the electorate supports the creation of a new form of Government.

HR Ashton considers that this is an important landmark in the process of reconciliation which should lead to the establishment of a stable environment for promoting long term peace and development in Tanzania. This result now provides a mandate for the two main political parties on the Isles to pursue their negotiations with a view to forming a Government of National Unity."

The United Republic of Tanzania will be holding General Elections on 31st October 2010 covering mainland Tanzania and Zanzibar

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