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## **Statement by HR Catherine Ashton on the announcement of the liberation of 52 political prisoners in Cuba**

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:

*"I welcome the announcement that 52 Cuban political prisoners will be released and look forward to the rapid implementation of this decision. The EU has been following with great interest the dialogue between the Catholic Church in Cuba and the Cuban Government and hopes that this dialogue will lead to the release of all political prisoners. I also want to recognise the efforts of Spanish Foreign Minister Miguel Angel Moratinos in this respect. The EU stands ready to work closely with the Cuban authorities and the Catholic Church to support this process."*

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