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Statement by the spokesperson of High Representative Catherine Ashton on the criminalisation of homosexuality in Cameroon

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

"The High Representative is deeply concerned by the confirmation that Roger Jean-Claude Mbédé has been sentenced to three years in prison. She reiterates that the criminalisation of homosexuality is incompatible with international human rights law. The High Representative insists on the need for Cameroon to respect the Universal Declaration of Human Rights which guarantees the equality of all human beings in dignity and rights and the right of every individual to a fair hearing.

The High Representative hopes that the appeal in cassation to the Supreme Court will enable Cameroon to ensure that universally recognised fundamental human rights are respected. She also calls on the Cameroonian authorities to put an end to imprisonment for homosexuality."

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