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Statement by High Representative Catherine Ashton on Nagorno Karabakh

The European Union would like to draw the attention of the Permanent Council to the "Statement by the High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Catherine Ashton, on Nagorno Karabakh" issued on 21 May 2010 in Brussels:

"I would like to recall that the European Union does not recognise the constitutional and legal framework within which the "parliamentary elections" in Nagorno Karabakh will be held this Sunday. This event should not prejudice the peaceful settlement of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict.

I reiterate our firm support to the OSCE Minsk-Group, and the work of the three Co-chairs and their efforts towards a settlement of the conflict, and call on the parties to redouble their efforts to find a negotiated solution to the conflict. I recall the EU's readiness to offer further support to this end. "