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**Statement by
EU High Representative Catherine Ashton
on Nobel Peace Prize being awarded to Liu Xiaobo**

Catherine Ashton, the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the Commission made the following statement:

"I want to congratulate Liu Xiaobo on being awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

The choice of Nobel Committee reflects Liu Xiaobo's leading role in calling for democratic and rights-based political reform in China, and I hope he will be able to receive his prize in person.

I am convinced that this award will inspire human rights defenders worldwide. I take this opportunity to recall the firm commitment of the European Union and myself in supporting their efforts."

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