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## **Statement by the High Representative, Catherine Ashton, on the adoption of the UN General Assembly Resolution on the EU's participation in the work of the UN**

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

*"I am very pleased that the United Nations General Assembly adopted today's Resolution<sup>1</sup>, which takes account of the institutional changes brought by the Lisbon Treaty.*

*The Resolution will in future enable EU representatives to present and promote the EU's positions in the UN, as agreed by its Member States.*

*The Lisbon Treaty reaffirms the EU's commitment to the principles of the UN Charter, calling for multilateral solutions to common problems and challenges.*

*I have placed great importance in the EU's cooperation with the UN, so I am delighted that this Resolution will allow us to continue to support the UN's vital work in a coherent and effective manner."*

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<sup>1</sup> UN General Assembly Resolution A/65/L.64/Rev.1: Strengthening of the United Nations system. Participation of the European Union in the work of the United Nations was passed by 180 votes in favour, 0 against and 2 abstentions.

## **P R E S S**

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