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Statement by the High Representative, Catherine Ashton, on the Ukrainian presidential elections, January 17th and February 7th, 2010

The European Union would like to draw the attention of the Permanent Council to the “Statement by the High Representative, Catherine Ashton, on the Ukrainian presidential elections, January 17th and February 7th, 2010”, as issued on 8 February 2010:

“I welcome the completion of the second round of voting in the Ukrainian presidential elections and the positive assessment given to the process by the OSCE/ODIHR-led International Election Observation Mission.

The generally calm atmosphere in which the elections were conducted, the open campaign in the media and the fact that the electorate were provided with a genuine choice represent important achievements in Ukraine’s democratic development.

I should in particular like to congratulate the people of Ukraine for the high turn out in both rounds of the elections and the strong commitment demonstrated to the democratic process.

The European Union remains committed to deepening the relationship with Ukraine and supporting it in implementing its reform agenda. It looks forward to working with the new President to this end.”