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Statement by the High Representative, Catherine Ashton on the elections in Peru

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

"I would like to congratulate the Peruvian people for the democratic spirit and sense of citizenship shown during the June 5th Presidential election. Based on the official results of the votes counted so far and the verifications done by Peruvian and various observation missions, I congratulate Mr Ollanta Humala for having received the majority of the votes.

Peru is an important partner for the European Union in Latin America. I look forward to continuing and strengthening our bilateral relations with the new Peruvian authorities in the political, trade and social development areas.

I commend the electoral authorities for their professionalism in delivering these transparent and competitive elections. I would also highlight the positive role played by civil society in ensuring transparency of the process and citizen's participation.

The EU EOM, headed by Mr José Ignacio Salafranca, MEP, issued its preliminary statement on June 6th. I welcome the positive contribution played by the EU EOM and other international and national observers."

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