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**Statement by High Representative Catherine Ashton
and Commissioner Stefan Füle
on the parliamentary elections in the Republic of Moldova**

Catherine Ashton, the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the Commission, and Stefan Füle, EU Commissioner for Enlargement and Neighbourhood Policy, made the following statement:

"We welcome the conduct of the parliamentary elections in the Republic of Moldova on 28 November 2010, which met most international standards for democratic elections, and congratulate the citizens of the Republic of Moldova on the high level of turnout. The Republic of Moldova has made significant efforts during the past year to strengthen democracy and implement structural reforms. We note that these elections have taken the country further on this path and give an opportunity to consolidate political stability.

We call upon all political forces represented in the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova to engage in open and constructive dialogue paving the way for the formation of a governing coalition as well as the election of the President of the Republic, which, together, should be able to tackle the priority reforms that will shape the country's future.

The European Union is committed to deepening its relations with the Republic of Moldova and supporting it in implementing an ambitious reform and EU approximation agenda. In this respect, we look forward to working with the future government of the Republic of Moldova."

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