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## **Joint statement by High Representative / Vice President Catherine Ashton and Home Affairs Commissioner Cecilia Malmström on the release of Max Göldi**

***High Representative/Vice President Catherine Ashton and Home Affairs Commissioner Cecilia Malmström issued the following statement today on the release of Max Göldi***

"We welcome the release of Swiss businessman Max Göldi from prison. We hope that Mr Göldi will be able to return very soon to Switzerland, to join his family and return to a normal life. His prompt return to his home country would be an important step on the way towards the resolution of the bilateral crisis between Libya and Switzerland. We are convinced that dialogue and positive gestures by both sides are key to resolving bilateral disputes.

We want to take this opportunity to commend both Spain and Germany for their efforts to help successfully resolve this case"