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Statement by the spokesperson of the High Representative Catherine Ashton following her phone call with Kofi Annan

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

"The High Representative spoke last night with Kofi Annan, the UN-League of Arab States Special Envoy for Syria. They discussed the situation in Syria and the High Representative wished Mr Annan success in his important mission under very difficult circumstances, and reaffirmed the EU's full support for his challenging task.

Mr Annan informed the High Representative of his plans to visit the region in the next few days. The High Representative stressed that the whole international community should back and rally behind the Special Envoy to lead diplomatic efforts."

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