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Statement by EU High Representative Catherine Ashton on the Syrian government's agreement to the Arab League proposals

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

"*I welcome the efforts of the Arab League to end violence and bring about the reforms that the Syrian people have bravely demanded these last seven months. It is now vital that the commitments made by the Syrian authorities to the Arab League are followed through fully and rapidly, under Arab scrutiny. This new initiative can only succeed if the Syrian authorities provide the space and security for opposition groups to work with all sectors of the Syrian population for a peaceful political transition.*"

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