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**Statement by Javier SOLANA,
EU High Representative for the CFSP, on the Palestinian elections**

Javier SOLANA, European Union High Representative for the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP), issued the following statement today on the elections to the Palestinian Authority:

"The Palestinian people have voted democratically and peacefully. I welcome this. The European Union has supported the smooth running of these elections.

We await confirmation of the results. These results may confront us with an entirely new situation which will need to be analysed by the Council next Monday. The EU will express its views on prospects for cooperation with the future Palestinian Government in the light of that discussion and of developments on the ground. The Quartet will also discuss this new situation at its ministerial meeting next Monday in London.

The position of the European Union in support of the recognition of Israel and a peaceful negotiated solution leading to two States is well known."

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