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**Statement by the spokesperson of
High Representative Catherine Ashton
on the Qatari mediation between Djibouti and Eritrea**

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

“The High Representative has taken note of the conclusion of the agreement between Djibouti and Eritrea whereby the two countries invited the Emir of Qatar to undertake mediation to resolve the bilateral dispute between them.

The High Representative welcomes the mediation and the personal commitment of the Emir of Qatar. The agreement reached by Eritrea and Djibouti is an important step towards re-establishing friendly and good neighbourly relations between the two countries.

The EU encourages Djibouti, Eritrea and other regional stakeholders to build on this development and to seek co-operative and diplomatic ways to resolve other outstanding problems in the region of the Horn of Africa.”

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