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## Statement by EU High Representative Catherine Ashton on the alleged surveillance of EU premises

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

*"The European Union is aware of the press reports, alleging that EU premises have been under surveillance.*

*As soon as we saw these reports, the European External Action Service made contact with the US authorities in both Washington DC and Brussels to seek urgent clarification of the veracity of and facts surrounding these allegations.*

*The US authorities have told us they are checking on the accuracy of the information released yesterday and will come back to us as soon as possible.*

*While this is clearly a matter for concern, we will make no further comments at this stage, until we have more clarity on the matter."*

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