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

Javier SOLANA, EU High Representative for the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP), made the following statement today following the Kosovo Assembly, Municipal Assembly and Mayoral elections held on Saturday 17 November 2007:

*"I welcome the fact that the elections in Kosovo on 17 November took place in a calm and dignified atmosphere and were conducted in line with international standards. However, I am concerned about the low turnout, which reflects a widespread dissatisfaction of the population with the political elite.*

*I particularly regret the non-participation of the Kosovo Serb community and Belgrade's calls for a boycott. The active engagement of all communities in the political process remains essential for a democratic and multiethnic Kosovo.*

*I now urge the parties and political leaders to move rapidly towards the formation of a government. I further call on the Team of Unity to engage constructively in the decisive final stage of the Troika negotiations on Kosovo's Status and to support the initiatives of the Troika".*

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