STATEMENT

by EU High Representative Catherine Ashton on the attack during a Coptic Wedding in Cairo

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

"I strongly condemn the attack which led to several deaths and injuries during a Coptic wedding on Sunday. I convey my sincere condolences to the families of the deceased and my best wishes to the injured for a speedy recovery.

I call on the Egyptian authorities to ensure that the perpetrators of this unacceptable act are promptly brought to justice. States have an obligation to do everything in their power to prevent acts of violence against persons based on their religion or belief."

FOR FURTHER DETAILS:
Michael Mann +32 498 999 780 - +32 2 584 9780- Michael.Mann@eeas.europa.eu @EUHighRepSpox
Maja Kocijancic +32 498 984 425 - +32 2 298 65 70 - Maja.Kocijancic@ec.europa.eu @AshtonSpox Maja
Sebastien Brabant +32 460 75 09 98 - Sebastien.Brabant@ec.europa.eu
Nabila Massrali +32 460 75 41 75 – Nabila.Massrali@ec.europa.eu
Follow us on Twitter @eu_e eas
www.facebook.com/EuropeanExternalActionService
www.eeas.europa.eu