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 deplore the loss of life during a peaceful demonstration which took place in Tripoli earlier today. I express sympathy to the families and friends of those killed and wish a quick recovery to the many wounded.

I want to underline the importance for all parties to respect fundamental values such as the freedom of expression and assembly which are also at the roots of the 17 February Revolution. Those responsible for these crimes should be brought to justice.

I call on all parties to refrain from further violence and to work collectively to achieve a peaceful and democratic transition to the benefit of the Libyan people."

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