Statement

by EU High Representative Catherine Ashton on the attack on the
Ministry of Defence in Sana'a, Yemen

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 bomb attack on the Ministry of Defence in Sana'a which caused the loss of so many lives, including EU citizens, and numerous casualties. I extend my sincere condolences to the bereaved and wish a speedy recovery to those wounded. Reports of violence against medical personnel who were trying to assist and patients who were being treated there are unacceptable.

This attack is the latest in a long series of such acts against government personnel and installations, and one of the most devastating. I call for an immediate end to violence that targets a government which is engaged in a legitimate political process, and puts in jeopardy the future of the Yemeni people.

The EU supports Yemen's transition, which must be allowed to proceed in a climate of security."

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