STATEMENT

by the High Representative, Catherine Ashton, on the latest attacks in Iraq.

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 condemn in the strongest terms the horrific terrorist attacks that took the lives of many innocent victims across Iraq on Monday. I express my deepest condolences to the families of the victims and I wish a quick recovery to all those injured.

These acts are perpetrated by those trying to promote sectarian tensions and undermine Iraq's stability. I urge all Iraqi political and religious leaders to promote a spirit of reconciliation between their constituencies and communities.

The European Union remains committed to supporting Iraq in its efforts to achieve lasting peace."

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