STATEMENT

by the Spokesperson of EU High Representative Catherine Ashton on attack targeted at the Presidential Palace in Mogadishu, Somalia

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

"The High Representative condemns in the strongest terms the brutal attack on the presidential palace in Mogadishu. She deplores the loss of life and her thoughts are with the families that have been affected.

The High Representative pays tribute to the swift response of the Security Forces of the Federal Government of Somalia and AMISOM in responding to this appalling act. These acts of extremist desperation will not reverse the progress made in restoring peace and stability in Somalia.

The High Representative reaffirms that the EU stands firmly with the Somali people and Government and remains committed to supporting Somalia's reconstruction."

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