STATEMENT

by EU High Representative Catherine Ashton on
violent attacks in Nigeria

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 abduction of more than 100 school girls in north eastern Chibok, Borno state, which comes only a day after a deadly bombing on a bus park in the Nyanya suburb of Abuja killing 71 and injuring many more.

I am concerned by the increasing frequency and spread of terrorist attacks, including those of last week on several villages in Borno state.

I express my condolences to the families of the victims and call for those responsible for these acts to be brought to justice.

The EU stands with the people and the government of Nigeria in the fight against terrorism and violence and for the rule of law and human rights".