S T A T E M E N T

by the Spokesperson on today's attack against the Federal Parliament in Mogadishu, Somalia

"We condemn in the strongest terms the attack against the Federal Parliament in the Somali capital Mogadishu. We stress the importance of preserving and protecting this key institution. We deplore the loss of life and extend our condolences to the families of the deceased.

We commend the swift response of the security forces of the Federal Government of Somalia and AMISOM in responding to this vicious act.

We reaffirm the EU's unwavering support to the people, Parliament and Government of Somalia in their effort to reconstruct their country."

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