S T A T E M E N T

by the Spokesperson on incidents in Mosul

"48 hours after the abduction of the Turkish Consul General and 49 staff and family members there is still no sign of their release.

The EU reiterates its strong condemnation of the raid on the Turkish Consulate General in Mosul, as well as the taking hostage of 31 Turkish citizens in a power plant in the Gyarah region of Mosul. These abductions demonstrate the gravity of the security situation in Iraq, in particular in the Mosul area.

The EU fully supports Turkey's efforts to win its citizens' safe release and stands ready to help Turkey in this difficult time."

FOR FURTHER DETAILS:
Michael Mann +32 498 999 780 - +32 2 584 9780- Michael.Mann@eeas.europa.eu @EULeadSpox
Maja Kocijancic +32 498 984 425 - +32 2 298 65 70 - Maja.Kocijancic@ec.europa.eu @AshtonSpox Maja
Sebastien Brabant +32 460 75 09 98 - Sebastien.Brabant@ec.europa.eu
Nabila Massrali +32 460 75 41 75 – Nabila.Massrali@ec.europa.eu
Follow us on Twitter @eu_e eas
www.facebook.com/EuropeanExternalActionService
www.eeas.europa.eu