STATEMENT

by the Spokesperson on the political situation in Lesotho

"The EU has been following the political and security situation in Lesotho with concern.

We welcome the efforts of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) Organ on Politics, Defence and Security Cooperation under the chairmanship of President Jacob Zuma to reach a peaceful and political resolution to the crisis.

We call upon all parties to respect their commitment to work together to restore security and political stability in the Kingdom. In that respect, we welcome in particular the road map with a clear timeline to reopen the Parliament on the 19th of September.

The EU expresses its continued readiness to cooperate with SADC and with the Government of Lesotho to support the implementation of this agreement. Upholding Lesotho's multiparty democracy is essential for the country's development as well as that of the wider region."

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