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by HR/VP Catherine Ashton and Commissioner Kristalina Georgieva

on the killing of a Red Cross worker in Eastern Ukraine

“It was with shock and deep sadness that we learned of the killing of Laurent DuPasquier a dedicated 38-year old Swiss employee of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in Donetsk yesterday. Our thoughts are with his family and friends as well as his colleagues in the ICRC.

Access to the conflict areas and respect for those who provide assistance to help the population cut off from basic services is a humanitarian imperative. We are aware that there have been more civilian casualties in the same area. The continued shelling of residential areas is unacceptable. We call on all parties to the conflict to fully respect International Humanitarian Law, protect civilians and humanitarian workers and to ensure unhindered access for humanitarian organisations.”

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