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Declaration by HR Catherine Ashton on behalf of the EU on the situation in the Middle East

The European Union is concerned by the public statements that have been exchanged recently between various parties to the Arab-Israeli conflict in the Middle East.

Such developments go against the efforts of the EU and its key partners, who are working constantly to address the problems that are hampering the Peace Process.

The EU has on several occasions reiterated its concern about the lack of progress in the Middle East Peace Process and has called for the urgent resumption of negotiations that will lead, within an agreed time-frame as specified by the Quartet, to the two-state solution.

The EU calls upon all parties to avoid any provocation and move towards lasting peace.