Statement by the spokesperson of HR Catherine Ashton on explosions in Iraq

The spokesperson of High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy/Vice President of the Commission Catherine Ashton issued the following statement today:

“Catherine Ashton, EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy is deeply saddened by the explosions and continuing acts of violence in Iraq and the High Representative expresses her deepest condolences to the families and friends of the victims, and to the Iraqi Authorities.

The European Union condemns these attacks. The majority of the victims of these terrorist attacks were devoted to building Iraq’s security. HR Ashton wishes to reiterate once again the urgent need to form a stable government in Iraq which is able to take decisive steps towards national reconciliation and to deal with all challenges confronting the country. The European Union looks forward to engaging with this new government as soon as it is in place.”