Statement by the spokesperson of EU High Representative Catherine Ashton on the recent bomb attacks in Iraq

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

“The High Representative Catherine Ashton is concerned by the upsurge in violence in Iraq and condemns the spate of recent outrageous attacks in the country. The EU stands by the Iraqi people and Catherine Ashton strongly encourages all political entities in Iraq to speed up the process of government formation in order to ensure stability and security in the country.

These attacks reveal the destructive agenda of those who deny the Iraqi people the future that they deserve -- a safe, secure and democratic Iraq.

The High Representative again extends her condolences to the families of the many victims and to the Iraqi authorities.”