Statement by EU High Representative Catherine Ashton on the forest fires in northern Israel

Catherine Ashton, the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the Commission, made today the following statement:

"I am deeply saddened by the forest fires in northern Israel. On behalf of the EU, I want to extend my deepest sympathies to the families and friends of the victims, and to the Israeli Authorities. My thoughts are with them during this terrible time and Israel can count on our support at this difficult moment.

The EU and our Member states have responded to this natural disaster with immediate and coordinated assistance to support Israel in combating the ravaging fires. We will continue to do whatever we can to help Israel to tackle this disaster."

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