Joint statement by EU High Representative Catherine Ashton and Commissioner Štefan Füle on the situation in Albania

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

"We strongly regret the loss of human life in the context of today's demonstration in Albania. Demonstrations are instruments of freedom of expression and peaceful assembly for citizens. We deplore that today's event has spiralled into violence. We urgently appeal to all political forces to call for calm and refrain from provocation.

In order for Albania to progress on its European path, we once again urge Albanian politicians to engage in a constructive political dialogue to resolve without any further delay the long-standing political stalemate and to mobilise the country's energies to this end."

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