Statement by the spokesperson of EU High Representative
Catherine Ashton on Yemen

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

"High Representative Catherine Ashton has been closely following the events taking place in Yemen. She is very concerned by the events which took place in Aden yesterday.

The HRVP strongly deplores the loss of life and violence and calls for calm and restraint of all parties.

The peaceful expression of the people’s concerns should be met with dialogue. Genuine, comprehensive and inclusive national dialogue is the only way forward to make progress on political, economic and social reforms.

The need for political reform and national dialogue was also underlined when the HRVP met with the Yemeni Foreign Minister Al Qirbi on 2 February. The EU is ready, alongside Yemen’s other international partners, to help Yemen implement political and economic reforms."