Statement by the Spokesperson of High Representative Catherine Ashton on the recent fighting in Mogadishu

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:

"The High Representative deeply regrets the heavy losses and casualties occurred in the recent fighting in Mogadishu. She praises the commitment and bravery of the AMISOM peacekeeping troops who, together with the security forces of the Transitional Federal Government have paid a heavy life toll to build security for the Somali people.

The High Representative conveys her sincere condolences to the families of the Burundian and Ugandan soldiers who have lost their lives and wish for the earliest recovery of the wounded. She thanks the Governments of Uganda and Burundi for their continued support to Amisom and reiterates the EU commitment to the African Union and the Somali people in their effort to restore peace and stability in Somalia.”