Statement by the spokesperson of Catherine Ashton, EU High Representative on the latest developments in 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:

"The High Representative deplores the many deaths and injuries following the demonstrations in Sana'a on 18-19 September. In this volatile situation, it is crucial to exercise restraint, avoid provocative action, refrain from further violence and take immediate steps to de-escalate the situation. Perpetrators of the violence should be held accountable.

The latest events yet again underscore the need for a rapid political solution to meet the aspirations of the Yemeni people. The EU reiterates the need to sign and implement the Gulf Cooperation Council initiative and stands ready to extend support to Yemeni stakeholders, the GCC and our international partners."

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