Statement by High Representative Catherine Ashton on the terrorist attacks in Nigeria

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 profoundly shocked and saddened by the terrorist attacks which took place in several regions of Nigeria, including cowardly attacks on religious symbols and Churches during the Christmas period, with appalling loss of human lives.

I would like to express my full solidarity and my deepest condolences to the victims and to their families. I condemn in the strongest possible terms these attacks and all other acts of terrorism. We stand behind the Nigerian authorities in their fight against terrorism, to protect all citizens, in particular the most vulnerable, and to preserve the right to life and the rule of law.”