Statement by the spokesperson of EU High Representative Catherine Ashton on the bomb attacks in Iraq

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 strongly condemns the latest wave of ruthless violence in Iraq. She deplores the death and destruction caused by these acts of terrorism, which can only exacerbate an already fragile political situation. She expresses her condolences to the families of all the victims.

The High Representative reiterates her call on all Iraqi political groups to engage in an inclusive and genuine dialogue – whether in the form of a 'National Conference' or otherwise – in order to address their differences. A government which can demonstrate national unity, inclusiveness and effectiveness is now essential to avoid a return to the vicious cycle of violence that everyone hopes will remain firmly consigned to Iraq's past."

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