Statement by the Spokesperson of High Representative Catherine Ashton on the wave of bomb attacks in Iraq

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

*The High Representative Catherine Ashton strongly condemns the latest wave of attacks in Iraq and deplores the loss of life. She expresses her condolences to the families of all the victims.*

*The High Representative reiterates her call on all Iraqi political groups to continue engaging in an inclusive and genuine dialogue in the run up to the ‘National Conference’, an important step for addressing political differences. Ensuring that the government in Iraq is both effective and inclusive is the best way to defy the continuing violence.*