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

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

"The High Representative strongly condemns the latest wave of ruthless attacks in a number of Iraqi provinces. Dozens of people have died and many more have been injured. She deplores the death and destruction caused by these acts of terrorism, which can only exacerbate an already fragile political situation. She expresses her deepest condolences to the families of the victims and to those injured.

The High Representative reiterates her call on the Government and Iraqi political groups to engage in an inclusive and genuine dialogue to address political differences. A government which can demonstrate national unity, inclusiveness and effectiveness stands the best chance of defying the continuing violence."