Statement by High Representative Catherine Ashton on this morning’s bomb attack in Syria

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

"Today's bomb attack against senior Syrian military and security officials in Damascus underlines the urgent need for concerted action by the UN Security Council and the international community to enforce Kofi Annan's peace plan. I condemn the attack and am deeply concerned at the escalating violence and its tragic consequences for the Syrian population. It is of the utmost priority that violence stops now and that all parties engage in a peaceful settlement of the conflict."