Statement by the spokesperson of EU High Representative Catherine Ashton on fighting in the Kachin State in Myanmar

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:

“The High Representative is deeply concerned about the continuous fighting in the Kachin State, putting at risk the nation-wide peace process and the gains already made. The latest reports of the shelling of Laiza and the resulting deaths of innocent civilians are particularly troubling. They point to a dangerous escalation of the conflict leading to more suffering for the people in Kachin.

The High Representative urges all sides to end the hostilities and to engage in dialogue towards a settlement in earnest immediately.

The EU also continues to stress the urgency of providing unhindered access for humanitarian relief to the displaced population.”