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Statement by EU High Representative, Catherine Ashton, on the latest developments in Libya

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

“Last July, Libyan citizens democratically elected their representatives, in elections which provoked worldwide admiration. I call on all Libyans to respect the representatives and leaders whom they elected.

Following four decades of dictatorship, political positions can now be openly debated in Libya. However, some of the incidents witnessed in Tripoli during the last days risk undermining the ongoing transition. It is vital that the interests of the nation and respect for the democratic values which triggered the 17 February Revolution prevail.

The EU remains committed to supporting the Libyan people in achieving a successful transition towards democracy, stability and prosperity through a process of transitional justice and reconciliation.”