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Statement by High Representative Catherine Ashton on planned demonstrations in Egypt for the 1st anniversary of President Morsi's term in office

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

"In view of the demonstrations planned for 30 June in Egypt, I call on all parties to respect the principle of peaceful protest and non-violence.

As I stressed during my last visit, the EU calls for greater efforts by all sides to build trust and work towards inclusiveness and reconciliation.

The EU stands ready to assist the Egyptian people in their efforts to complete their challenging democratic transition. This should be done in a peaceful way and in the spirit of dialogue and tolerance."

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