Catherine Ashton, High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, made today the following statement:

“I condemn in the strongest possible terms the horrific murder by terrorists of some 30 innocent children and a teacher early on Saturday morning in a school in Mamudo town in northeastern Nigeria.

I express my deepest sympathy to the families of the victims, and assure the people of Nigeria of my solidarity and determination to help them bring security, peace and reconciliation to the north.

Those responsible must be brought to justice in accordance with the law, and the rule of law re-established throughout the region.”