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## S T A T E M E N T

### **by the Spokesperson of EU High Representative Catherine Ashton on the recent events in Thailand**

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 EU as a long-standing friend of Thailand is following the political situation and the growing number of violent incidents in Bangkok with concern. The High Representative condemns any use of force as a political means.*

*The High Representative calls on all involved to establish without delay a genuine and inclusive political dialogue process with the aim of delivering concrete results towards reconciliation within Thailand's democratic and constitutional framework."*

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