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"The League of Arab States (LAS) and the European Union (EU) express their deep concern about the deteriorating security situation in Iraq, in particular in the Mosul area. They condemn in the strongest terms the recent wave of terrorist attacks, which have caused many casualties and have led many thousands to flee their homes. We express our condolences to the families of the victims.

At this difficult moment for Iraq, the EU and the LAS call upon all Iraqi democratic forces to work together on the basis of the Iraqi Constitution, to overcome this challenge to the security of Iraq and to honour the will of Iraqi citizens to be governed on the basis of a democratic process, as expressed by their participation in the recent national elections. In particular, the LAS and the EU call on the Government of Iraq and the Government of the Kurdistan region to combine their political and military forces in order to restore security to Mosul and Nineveh. They encourage all other democratic elements of society to support such efforts.

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The EU and the LAS reiterate their firm commitment to Iraq's unity and territorial integrity, which are essential for stability and economic development in the country and the region. They also remind all states that it is imperative for them to apply UN resolutions 1267 and 1989, imposing sanctions on Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant."
