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Statement by the EU Delegation to the Kingdom of Lesotho on the killing of Lt. Gen. Maaparankoe Mahao

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The European Union condemns the killing of Lt. Gen. Maaparankoe Mahao, former Commander of the Lesotho Defence Force, and conveys its sincere condolences to the bereaved family and the people of the Kingdom of Lesotho.

An early and thorough independent investigation is important and the perpetrators must be brought to justice. This is essential to reassure the public that the rule of law applies in Lesotho.

The EU urges an immediate start to the process of security sector reform, as foreseen in the 'Coalition Agreement on Stability and Reform'. This will foster reconciliation and help in overcoming the divisions that are distracting attention away from the many urgent reforms and development needs of the country.

The European Union remains committed to continue supporting efforts in this regard.

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