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by the Spokesperson on the situation in Kobane

"We are deeply concerned by the security and humanitarian situation in Kobane and the rest of the Syrian Kurdish self-proclaimed autonomous region after three weeks of siege and fierce fighting against ISIL. The people of Kobane have demonstrated to the international community their resolve to use all means to protect their fundamental rights and values and to resist oppression.

We strongly condemn ISIL and its offensive in Kobane and remain committed to play our role to the full in the fight against ISIL and in solidarity with all people suffering from ISIL actions. The EU, Turkey and all other regional and international partners need to work together more, to isolate and contain the threat of ISIL. The EU continues to fully support the diplomatic efforts of the UN's Special Envoy for Syria Staffan De Mistura towards a political solution to the Syrian crisis.

We are also very concerned by the recent related violence in Turkey and by the loss of life. We call on all sides to commit to dialogue to resolve differences, and reiterate the EU's strong support for the Government's Kurdish solution process.

The EU is seized of the urgency of the situation and is working on the details of a significant further package of additional support."

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