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As friends of South Africa the EU Embassies are saddened by the unprecedented loss of lives during the unrest, condemn violence and looting that affects the life and livelihood of many South Africans and foreign residents, including EU citizens.

We are troubled by media reports of an organised action, and support the Government for its efforts to bring peace and restore the rule of law and ensure accountability. We encourage the Government to take necessary additional steps to this end.

We join the United Nations' call for all law enforcement agencies to act proportionately and respect human rights whilst they tackle these complex incidents.

We stand by South Africa in its efforts to build a brighter future for all by achieving the full potential of its economy through necessary reforms.

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