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Statement by High Representative Catherine Ashton on the violent incidents at Coptic Cathedral in Cairo

Catherine Ashton, High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and security Policy and Vice President of the Commission, issued the following statement today:

Today in Egypt I have had a series of meetings with the President and political leaders about the political and economic situation in the country.

But tonight I am extremely worried about the violent incidents at the Abaseya Coptic Cathedral in Cairo. On hearing the news I immediately contacted the Presidency, strongly urging restraint and for the security forces to control the situation. I understand the President has spoken with the Head of the Coptic Church and has condemned the violence.

My thoughts are with the victims and their families.

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