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## Statement by the spokesperson of HR Catherine Ashton on suicide bombings in Iraq on Sunday 18 July 2010

The spokesperson of High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy/Vice President of the Commission Catherine Ashton issued the following statement today :

*"It is with deep regret that the High Representative has learned about the attacks in Iraq yesterday. Once again human lives have been lost. The European Union strongly condemns these attacks. She sends her deepest condolences to the families of the victims and to the Iraqi authorities.*

*She wishes to reiterate once again the urgency of forming a stable government in Iraq which is able to take decisive steps towards national reconciliation. The European Union looks forward to engaging with this new government as soon as it is in place."*

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