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## Statement by the spokesperson of HR Catherine Ashton on President Al-Bashir's visit to Kenya

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

*"The High Representative is concerned by the visit of President Omar Al-Bashir to Kenya, a State party to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC).*

*She firmly recalls the importance of all Member States of the United Nations abiding by and implementing the resolutions adopted by the Security Council under Chapter VII of the UN Charter, in this case, UNSCR 1593 (2005). She urges Kenya to respect its obligations under international law to arrest and surrender those indicted by the ICC.*

*She calls upon Kenya to continue to cooperate with the ICC in its investigation into the 2007-2008 post-election violence.*

*The European Union is a staunch supporter of the ICC as a valuable instrument of the international community to combat impunity for the most serious crimes of concern to the international community as a whole; genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes must not go unpunished and their prosecution must be ensured by measures at both domestic and international level."*

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