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**Statement by the spokesperson of the EU High Representative
Catherine Ashton
on the events in the Zhanaozen district of Kazakhstan**

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

“The High Representative is deeply concerned about the events that took place on 16 December 2011, in the Zhanaozen district of Kazakhstan, where reportedly 10 people have died and several others have been injured.

The High Representative hopes that the authorities of the Republic of Kazakhstan will immediately investigate the events and that there will be a peaceful solution found to the problems faced by the striking oil workers, through social dialogue.

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