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Statement by the Spokesperson of High Representative Catherine Ashton on the ceasefire initiative in Syria

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 reiterates her full support to the efforts of Joint Special Representative Lakhdar Brahimi, including for his attempt to achieve a ceasefire during the Holy holiday of Eid al-Adha.

The High Representative deeply regrets that after the initial decrease in violence, military actions were carried out by both sides in breach of the ceasefire.

The High Representative expresses the hope that the parties could agree and commit to a future ceasefire, which would provide the basis so that a political process can be developed and followed through."

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