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Statement by the spokesperson of High Representative Catherine Ashton following her meeting with League of Arab States Secretary General Nabil El Araby and Joint Special Representative to Syria Lakhdar Brahimi

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

"On Monday, the High Representative met League of Arab States Secretary General Nabil El Araby and Joint Special Representative to Syria Lakhdar Brahimi to discuss the latest international attempts to find a solution to the crisis in Syria. Mr. Brahimi debriefed her on his recent visit to Syria.

The three agreed that it is of the utmost importance that the international community works together to bring an end to the fighting. The High Representative offered the European Union's unequivocal support to Mr. Brahimi's efforts and pledged to provide him with assistance.

The High Representative also held separate in-depth consultations on Syria with UN Secretary General Ban Ki moon and US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, as well as with Iraqi Foreign Minister Hoshyar Zebari and Jordanian Foreign Minister Nasser Judeh, with whom she discussed EU assistance to refugees fleeing the fighting."

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