

Remarks by HR/VP Mogherini ahead of the Foreign Affairs Council's discussion on Syria

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Today with the Ministers we will discuss the situation in Syria.

As events unfold dramatically, especially in Aleppo but also elsewhere, we will focus first of all on the humanitarian situation. The European Union is working, together with the United Nations, on the protection of civilians - that is for us priority number one in this moment.

Whatever happens on the ground - we are completely convinced that there can be only a political solution for the war and this is why the European Union is working day and night with our regional partners, with the regional players to facilitate the beginning of talks and a political solution to the crisis. This is what we will discuss with the Ministers today. Thank you.