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S T A T E M E N T

by the Spokesperson on the appointment of Mr Staffan de Mistura as UN Special Representative for Syria

"We welcome the appointment of Mr Staffan de Mistura as the United Nations Special Representative for Syria.

Mr de Mistura's long standing experience in the region and his excellent reputation as a seasoned and skilful diplomat make him a very good choice for dealing with an increasingly complex reality in Syria and its neighbourhood.

The continuing violent conflict in the country has already profoundly affected the Middle East region endangering not only the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Syria, but also its neighbours. The challenges of the civil war in Syria, including unprecedented humanitarian and security ones, can only be solved through a comprehensive and Syrian-led political process that would meet the democratic aspirations of the Syrian people.

We call on the international community and all Syrian parties to grant full and concrete support to the mission of Mr de Mistura. The EU will use all means at its disposal to assist him in his new mission."

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