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Foreign Minister Heiko Maas issued the following statement today (9 October) on the Turkish offensive in north-eastern Syria:

We condemn the Turkish offensive in north-eastern Syria in the strongest possible terms. Turkey's actions run the risk of further destabilising the region and provoking the resurgence of IS.

Syria has been severely impacted by war over the last eight years and the country needs stability and a political process, which will begin shortly with the establishment of the Constitutional Committee. However, the Turkish offensive now threatens to unleash another humanitarian disaster as well as new refugee movements.

We call on Turkey to end its offensive and to pursue its security interests in a peaceful manner.

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