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**Statement by the spokesperson of EU High Representative
Catherine Ashton following the attack against worshipers
at Coptic Church in Alexandria, Egypt**

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:

"The High Representative is deeply saddened by the news of the attack against worshipers at the Coptic Church in Alexandria that killed and injured a large number of innocent civilians. Catherine Ashton condemns unreservedly the attack against innocent Copt worshipers and expresses her deepest sympathies to the families and friends of the victims, and to the Egyptian Authorities. There cannot be any justification for this attack. The right of Christian Copts to gather and worship freely must be protected."

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