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Statement by High Representative Catherine Ashton on the situation in Kyrgyzstan

Catherine Ashton, the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the Commission made the following statement:

" I welcome the early signs of stabilisation in Kyrgyzstan and an end to the confrontation. I call on all sides to show continued restraint. A rapid return to public order is essential to avoid further loss of life. I offer my condolences to the families and friends of the many victims.

Kyrgyzstan is now entering a new phase. All sides should be ready to engage in constructive internal dialogue in favour of a united and stable Kyrgyzstan. It is essential to set out how Kyrgyzstan will return rapidly to the democratic and constitutional order and the rule of law.

The EU stands ready to provide urgent humanitarian assistance if necessary.

We are in close touch with our main international partners in view of a shared approach to the new situation."

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