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**to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy**

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Subject: Armed conflict in Ethiopia

For over a week, Ethiopian government forces have been at war with the Tigray regional government in the north-east of the country. To date, hundreds have died and tens of thousands have been displaced in a region that already had 96 000 Eritrean refugees and 100 000 internally displaced persons. The conflict threatens to escalate into a civil war that could spread to neighbouring countries and destabilise the already fragile Horn of Africa region.

This situation raises the following questions:

1. What is the involvement of the VP/HR in mediating the conflict? How is the EU planning to contribute to the easing of tensions and to a peaceful, negotiated resolution of the conflict?
2. Does the VP/HR plan to increase resources and humanitarian aid aimed at protecting people who have been forced to migrate both within and outside their country's borders?