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Statement on the situation in Burkina Faso

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Statement by David McAllister, Chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, Tomas Tobé, Chair of the Committee on Development, and Carlos Zorrinho, Chair of the Delegation to the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly:

"We are following with great concern the developments in Burkina Faso and strongly condemn the military coup against the democratically elected government under President Roch Marc Christian Kaboré. We call for the immediate and unconditional release of President Roch Marc Christian Kaboré and any other members of his government in detention.

"We insist on an immediate return to civilian-led government, to restore parliament, the constitutional order, and the rule of law in Burkina Faso. We urge military leaders to return their forces to the barracks and protect the country's institutions."

Background

President Roch Marc Christian Kaboré was detained on Sunday and is being held by military forces, who have since made a statement that they are seizing power in Burkina Faso.

Further information

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