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## **EU statement on the earthquake in Southeast Turkey**

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The European Union would like to draw the attention of the Permanent Council to the Joint statement by Herman Van Rompuy, President of the European Council, and José Manuel Barroso, President of the European Commission, as well as to the statement by EU High Representative Catherine Ashton, in which they expressed their condolences following the earthquake in Southeast Turkey. In particular, President Van Rompuy and President Barroso stated:

‘We are greatly saddened by the news of the terrible earthquake that has struck the Van province in Southeast Turkey. Our thoughts are with the injured and the families of the victims and we should like to convey our condolences to the people and authorities of Turkey’.