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**Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union
on the recent terrorist acts in Teheran**

The European Union strongly deplores the mortar attack which recently took place in the centre of Teheran, and deeply regrets the injuries and death caused by this distressing act of violence. The European Union extend its warmest sympathies to the victims and their families.

The European Union firmly reiterates its condemnation of all acts of terrorism as criminal and unjustifiable, wherever and whenever they occur, and whatever their motives and origin. The European Union recalls that the fight against terrorism is a matter of the highest priority, and calls upon all States to join international efforts to counter the growing menace of terrorism.