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Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union
concerning the upsurge of violence in Kosovo

The EU is deeply concerned by the violent incidents in Kosovo over the past few days. The EU unreservedly condemns the violent repression of non-violent expressions of political views, including peaceful demonstrations as well as the use of violence and terrorism to achieve political goals. It regrets that police action led directly to civilian casualties. The EU urges all sides to exercise restraint and refrain from further violence, and calls on the Serbian law enforcement agencies to respect fully human rights and the rule of law in the pursuit of their duties. The EU reiterates its call as a matter of urgency for the authorities in Belgrade and leaders of the Kosovar Albanian community to resolve the situation peacefully through a full and constructive dialogue.
