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Statement by the High Representative Catherine Ashton, regarding the publication of the report of the independent international commission of inquiry into the events in southern Kyrgyzstan in June 2010

Catherine Ashton, the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the Commission, made today the following statement:

"I take note of the publication on 3 May 2011 of the report of the independent international commission of inquiry into the events in southern Kyrgyzstan.

I commend the authorities of Kyrgyzstan for the far-sighted decision to invite an international independent and impartial commission to inquire into the inter-ethnic violence that occurred in the south of the country in June 2010.

The EU welcomed the establishment of that commission, which conducted its investigation and did its report as an entirely independent, self-standing body. This is the first ever report of this nature in the region.

I see this report as a contribution to the dialogue between the communities in Kyrgyzstan after the tragic events of June 2010.

I call upon the Kyrgyz authorities to implement the recommendations put forward by the commission, which aim at conflict prevention, reconciliation, accountability and preventing impunity. Some of the recommendations meet priorities of the EU assistance programmes, especially on reform of the judiciary. The EU stands ready to continue to support necessary reforms in the country."

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