Resolution on the situation in Kyrgyzstan

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The High Representative, Catherine ASHTON, updated the Council on the steps taken following the recent events in Kyrgyzstan and led a discussion on possible further EU action.

The Council adopted the following conclusions:

- the Council regrets the loss of life and remains concerned by the fragile situation in the country;

- it underlines the importance of an early return to public order in Kyrgyzstan under a democratic government that fully respects the rule of law and human rights. The Council calls on the provisional government to abide by all Kyrgyzstan’s international obligations and commitments in that regard;

- it welcomes the provisional government's announcement to work on constitutional reform and rapidly lay the proper groundwork for democratic elections. It calls on the provisional government to take into account the relevant expert opinions of ODIHR and the Venice Commission in organising the constitutional referendum and the parliamentary elections announced for 27 June and 10 October 2010 respectively;

- it looks forward to concrete action by the provisional government in the areas mentioned above and stands ready to support implementation of these objectives with assistance measures, including in the framework of the EU Strategy for Central Asia.

The EU will continue to follow the situation in Kyrgyzstan closely and will coordinate its actions with relevant international organisations and other international actors.