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Statement by the spokesperson of EU High Representative Catherine Ashton on the visit of President Al-Bashir to Malawi

The spokesperson of Catherine Ashton, High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice President of the Commission, issued the following statement:

"The High Representative is concerned by the announced visit of President of Sudan Omar Al-Bashir to Malawi, a State party to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC) on the occasion of the COMESA Summit, on 14 October 2011.

She firmly recalls the importance of all Member States of the United Nations abiding by and implementing the resolutions adopted by the Security Council under Chapter VII of the UN Charter, in this case, UNSCR 1593(2005). She urges Malawi to respect its obligations under international law to comply with the International Criminal Court.

The European Union is a staunch supporter of the ICC and the fight against impunity. The Court is a valuable instrument of the international community to ensure that there is no impunity for the most serious crimes of international concern; genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes must not go unpunished and their prosecution must be ensured by measures at both domestic and international level."

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