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## Statement by HR Ashton on the murder of hostages by the FARC in Colombia

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

*“I condemn the brutal murder by the FARC of four long-time hostages, which took place in Colombia on Saturday 26 November, and express my deepest sympathy and solidarity with the families of the victims, and the Colombian government and people.*

*I reiterate my demand for an immediate and unconditional liberation of all hostages still in captivity, and call on the FARC to lay down arms and join the political process of reform and modernisation of Colombia.*

*Colombia can count upon the EU’s support in its quest for an end to all violence and the search for a sustainable peace in the country.”*

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