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**Statement by the spokesperson of EU High Representative
Catherine Ashton on the escalation of tension
between Ethiopia and Eritrea**

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 today:

"The High Representative is seriously concerned about the escalation of tensions between Ethiopia and Eritrea following an incursion of Ethiopian military. She calls on both sides to refrain from violence and adhere to the general principles of international law and recalls the terms of the Algiers Agreement.

The European Union has a vital interest in security and stability throughout the Horn of Africa. At a time when considerable efforts are being expended to reconcile differences between various parties throughout the region, the European Union calls on Ethiopia and Eritrea to make all efforts to find a negotiated solution to the outstanding issues in their bilateral relations."

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