

Spanish Presidency of the European Union

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EU statement on Kyrgyzstan

The EU expresses its serious concern over the violent confrontation in the south of Kyrgyzstan, which has led to a significant number of casualties. We would like to express our sincere condolences to the families and friends of the victims.

The EU underlines the need to restore public order and respect for the rule of law. We insist that all provocations should cease immediately and call on all sides to show restraint. Dialogue must be restored as a matter of priority.

The EU insists on the need to pursue the work to build democratic institutions in Kyrgyzstan, notably through the referendum on a new constitution and early elections as announced by the provisional government. This process represents the best chance to ensure peace, institutional stability, open dialogue, rule of law and democracy for the people of Kyrgyzstan.

The EU confirms its readiness to respond to the most urgent humanitarian needs of the affected population. An emergency financing decision will be taken by the European Commission.

The EU calls on all parties concerned, as well as neighbouring countries, to take appropriate measures to safeguard access to vulnerable populations and to contribute, where appropriate, to humanitarian support points and corridors, in full accordance with international law.

The EU welcomes the actions undertaken by all OSCE institutions and thanks the High Commissioner on National Minorities for his explanation why he invoked article 13 of his mandate and issued an early warning, based on his judgment that the inter-ethnic situation will deteriorate further and will pose threat to peace and stability in the region, unless effective and immediate action is taken.

The EU would welcome proposals for enhancing OSCE capacities to respond to the needs of the people in Kyrgyzstan. We also request the Secretary General to continue to inform the participating States on the evolution of the situation on the ground, as well as on possible courses of action. The EU is ready to support the draft statement on the situation in Kyrgyzstan, as proposed by the Chairmanship in Office.

The EU welcomes the continued close co-ordination between the European Union, the OSCE and the United Nations and the efforts of the three special envoys to Kyrgyzstan.

Los países candidatos TURQUÍA, CROACIA* y la ANTIGUA REPÚBLICA YUGOSLAVA DE MACEDONIA*; los países del Proceso de Estabilización y Asociación y los países candidatos potenciales BOSNIA Y HERZEGOVINA, MONTENEGRO y SERBIA; el país de la Asociación Europea de Libre Comercio y miembro del Espacio Económico Europeo, LIECHTENSTEIN; al igual que la REPÚBLICA DE MOLDAVIA y GEORGIA se suman a esta declaración.

*Croacia y la Antigua República Yugoslava de Macedonia siguen perteneciendo al proceso de Estabilización y Asociación.