Joint Statement by High Representative/Vice-President Federica Mogherini and Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Management Christos Stylianides on the earthquake in Mexico City

The earthquake that struck Mexico yesterday has caused many deaths and casualties. This came only two weeks after another devastating earthquake hit the country. Our heartfelt condolences and thoughts go out to the victims, their families and loved ones.

As President Juncker underlined in his letter to President Peña Nieto, the European Union stands in solidarity with our Mexican friends. We salute the first responders who are there from the beginning to help and save lives in this difficult time.

We are in touch with the Mexican authorities and stand ready to help. Our capabilities to provide urgent supporthave been put on alert, as our Emergency Response Coordination Centre is monitoring the situation on the ground.