

# Statement by the Spokesperson on the violence in Venezuela

Tens of civilians have died during demonstrations in the last weeks in Venezuela. Such violence is an obstacle to peaceful solutions to the crisis in the country.

Authorities must ensure fundamental freedoms and rights to peacefully protest. And it is critical that all parties work seriously and in good faith towards a de-escalation of the tensions.

We extend our condolences to the families of all the victims and expect all cases to be investigated thoroughly and those responsible to be held accountable.

Respect for the Constitution and democratic principles, including the recognition of the role of the National Assembly and a clear electoral calendar, are essential conditions to ease the tension and bring all Venezuelans together.