



**COUNCIL OF
THE EUROPEAN UNION**



Council conclusions on abductions in Nigeria

*FOREIGN AFFAIRS Council meeting
Brussels, 12 May 2014*

The Council adopted the following conclusions:

"The European Union is deeply concerned about the recent terrorist attacks in northern Nigeria and appalled by the suffering caused to the population.

The Council strongly condemns the indiscriminate killing of hundreds of civilians and the abduction of more than 200 schoolgirls in Borno State. These acts represent an attack against human rights and dignity. The European Union calls for the immediate and unconditional release of the school girls and for those responsible to be brought to justice.

The European Union and its Member States offer their support to Nigeria in the resolution of this despicable crime and its ongoing efforts to protect its citizens and defeat terrorism in all its forms, in full respect of human rights. The EU will work to end the culture of impunity for the use of sexual violence both as a tool and a side effect of conflict worldwide. The EU supports the intention of the UN Security Council to consider appropriate measures against Boko Haram."

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