



On 22 June Federica Mogherini, the High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy of the European Union (EU), organised a high-level event in Brussels - *Climate, Peace and Security: the Time for* A
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In her opening remarks, Federica Mogherini, highlighted how climate change has increasingly become a matter of national security and national interest over time as “the World Economic Forum tells us that four of the top five global risks are connected to climate change. The only comparable risk comes from weapons of mass destruction. So, let us keep this in mind: when we invest in the fight against climate change, we invest in our own security. The good news is: this is not irreversible. Climate change is man-made, and solutions are also man-made.”

However, the growing and ongoing threat was further reinforced by experts present who explained that ice in the Antarctic is melting three times faster than five years ago with global sea levels expected to rise by one to two metres in the future. “We live in a world that is exploding. The problem is growing so fast that we are falling further behind. Thirty-three countries could face extreme high-water stress in 2040 and 143 million international climate migrants are to be expected between 2030-2040,” according to Dr Andrew Steer, President and CEO of the World Resources Institute.



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