

Council of Europe
The Secretary General

Strasbourg, 6 June 2017

Dear Prime Minister,

Please accept my deepest condolences for the terrorist attack in London on 3 June, which left several people dead and many others injured. My feelings of sympathy are compounded by the fact that it is little over two weeks since my previous message following the tragic incident in Manchester.

The solidarity of the Council of Europe with the United Kingdom and the British people cannot be overstated. We share your profound grief for those who have lost their lives and hope the many injured will make full and speedy recoveries.

Effectively countering extremism, in all its forms, is one of the greatest and most complex tasks facing our member states. However, as you so rightly said in your statement on 4 June, "our society should continue to function in accordance with our values". We must capitalise on these strengths to reinforce our democracies. Prime Minister, the Council of Europe remains committed to providing every possible support in this respect.

On behalf of the Council of Europe, please convey my most sincere condolences to the families of the victims and to the British people at this difficult time.

Yours sincerely,



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