Council of Europe The Secretary General

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Dear President,

It was with shock that I learned of the bus accident that killed and injured so many students in Tarragona on 20 March. The tragic loss of young lives, of such diverse nationalities, will be keenly felt throughout the European continent and beyond.

I extend my sincere sympathies to the families of the afflicted. Please allow me to wish all courage and strength to those wounded in the accident, in their recovery, and also to the Spanish emergency services dealing with the aftermath of this shocking event.

In my capacity as Secretary General I should be grateful if you would convey the condolences of the Council of Europe, through your good offices, to the victims' families.

Yours sincerely,

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