

Council of Europe
The Secretary General

Strasbourg, 23 May 2017

Dear Prime Minister,

It was with deep sadness that I learned of the profound tragedy which unfolded overnight in Manchester, resulting in the loss of lives including those of many children. Europe shares feelings of immense sorrow and revulsion following this vile act of terror, which are all the more pronounced by the deliberate targeting of innocent young people.

My immediate thoughts are with the families of those who have tragically lost their lives as well as those whose lives have changed forever. I wish a full and speedy recovery to the many injured and strength to the others who have been affected.

I am resolute in my belief that such cowardly and indiscriminate acts of terror require us to strengthen our unity and resolve against terrorism. Extremism has no place in our democratic societies and international co-operation is central to addressing it. I assure you, Prime Minister, of the Council of Europe's steadfast commitment in this respect.

On behalf of the Council of Europe, I should be grateful if you would 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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