

Council of Europe
The Secretary General

Strasbourg, 14 March 2018

Dear Prime Minister,

I am writing to express my sympathy to the British people over the use of a nerve agent in Salisbury against Sergei and Yulia Skripal which also affected some of those who were present at the scene, including Detective Sergeant Nick Bailey.

This is unacceptable and constitutes a dangerous breach of the Rule of Law which must be observed by all our member states.

The circumstances under which this attack was carried out have clearly exposed a number of people to significant danger. At the Council of Europe, our thoughts are with all of the victims and we wish them a full and speedy recovery.

Yours sincerely,



Thorbjørn Jagland

The Rt Hon Theresa May
Prime Minister of the United Kingdom