

Council of Europe
The Secretary General

Strasbourg, 20 February 2020

Dear Chancellor,

It was with shock and sadness that I learned of the shootings last night in Hanau that have resulted in the tragic loss of lives.

On behalf of the Council of Europe, I extend my heartfelt condolences to the friends and families of the victims. I also wish a full and speedy recovery to those who have been wounded.

The events in Hanau show once again that in Europe all democrats must stand together against terrorism and the ideologies that lie behind it. We must also intensify our common efforts to combat radicalisation whenever and wherever it occurs.

Yours sincerely,



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Ms Angela Merkel
Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany