

*Council of Europe*  
*The Secretary General*

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Dear President,

I was shocked and saddened to hear about the school shooting that has occurred today in Kazan and which has cruelly taken the lives of children and their teachers.

This senseless violence defies any proper explanation. At this terrible moment, my thoughts are with the families, friends and colleagues of the victims. I wish strength for those who have lost loved ones, and a swift recovery for those who have been injured.

The Council of Europe stands in solidarity with the Russian people at this difficult moment.

Yours sincerely,



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