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**STATEMENT BY MS. HILDE AUSTAD,  
DEPUTY PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF NORWAY TO THE  
OSCE, AT THE 1077th (SPECIAL) MEETING OF THE  
OSCE PERMANENT COUNCIL**

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**On the terrorist attacks in Paris**

Mr. Chairperson,

The Prime Minister of Norway, Ms. Erna Solberg, sent a letter of condolence last Saturday to President François Hollande. I quote:

“Mr. President,

I was deeply saddened by the terrible terrorist attacks in Paris yesterday evening.

On behalf of the Norwegian Government I should like to express my sincere condolences to you and the French people. I ask you to pass on my deep sympathy to the bereaved families and to everyone affected by this tragic event.

In moments like this, it is important not to compromise our democratic values and to continue to work together to combat all forms of hate and terrorism. I can assure you of the total support of the Norwegian Government at this very trying time.”

End of quote.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.