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OF NORWAY TO THE OSCE, AT THE 1109th (SPECIAL) MEETING  
OF THE OSCE PERMANENT COUNCIL**

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**On the terrorist attack in Nice**

Mr. Chairperson,

The Minister for Foreign Affairs of Norway, Mr. Børge Brende, condemned the terrorist attack in Nice in a statement last Friday.

“Once again, France has been hit by a terrorist attack,” said Minister Brende. “We stand shoulder to shoulder with the people of France and the rest of the world in the war on terror. We will never let terrorists destroy our democratic values and freedom.

There are many children among the dead. This is a heinous attack intended to foster hatred.

For thousands of people taking part in a joyful celebration of Bastille Day, 14 July became a nightmare. Our thoughts and our deepest sympathy are with the many victims, their families, loved ones and friends,” said Mr. Brende.

Allow me to add, Mr. Chairperson, that I also extend my sincere condolences to our Turkish colleagues for the many victims of the failed coup d'état last week. I understand that we will have an opportunity to come back to this issue at the regular Permanent Council meeting tomorrow.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.