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Monsieur Le Président

I write on behalf of the States and people of Jersey who have been deeply shocked and saddened by the loss of life following the terrorist bombings and shootings in Paris yesterday evening.

As peace-loving neighbours with a similar set of democratic values, we are appalled at the behaviour of brutal extremists who seek to impose their beliefs by bringing about carnage to innocent people who were spending a Friday evening just like many others. It is a terrible attack on the fundamental values of a democracy.

But in spite of these wider sentiments, our real and immediate thoughts and sympathies are extended to all those affected by this terrible event and especially to the families and friends of those who have lost their lives. We also think particularly of the courageous and dedicated efforts of the security, emergency and medical services who have assisted in such difficult circumstances.

The States and people of Jersey wish to pass on their solidarity with the people of France and their sincere condolences.

Yours sincerely

**Bailiff**

cc: Her Excellency, Sylvie Bermann, Ambassador of France, French Embassy, London