



Mr. François HOLLANDE
President of the French Republic

Brussels, 15th November, 2015

Dear President Hollande,

Please accept my sincerest of condolences, on behalf of the European Jewish Congress, the representative organization of European Jewish communities.

The cowardly and ugly attacks on Parisians are an attack on all people who believe in the French Republic's ideals of Liberty, Equality and Fraternity.

The terrorists struck at the heart of the *Joie de Vivre* of France, a cheerful enjoyment of life and an exultation of spirit. People were targeted because they wanted to enjoy a night out with friends, watching the national team or attending a music concert.

The Jewish community, a frequent target of the same murderous ideology, stands shoulder to shoulder with the French People as they pick up the pieces, bury their dead, nurse the sick back to health and unite as one after these intolerable events.

We mourn your deaths as our own and express our full support for the measures that will be taken to ensure there are no future attacks.

As we say in Judaism, may you and your people know no more sorrow.

We are all French today.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'M. Kantor', written in a cursive style.

Dr. Moshe Kantor
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