



Council of Europe
Parliamentary Assembly

The President

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Dear Speaker,

On behalf of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, I would like to strongly condemn the vicious terrorist attack on young Israeli cadets at the weekend.

I would like to express my sincere condolences to the families of the victims, as well as to the authorities and people of Israel. Please also transmit our message of support and quick recover to those injured in this barbaric attack.

This cruel act leaves only heartache and anger. But, as politicians we should stay sober and balanced, even in the face of such terrible tragedies. As politicians we must show example to our citizens and, therefore we should not give in to the hatred and fear that terrorists seek to create.

Last year, during our meeting in Strasbourg, at the European Conference of Speakers of Parliament, we discussed the ways democratic societies should defend themselves against terrorism. You have expressed support to our Assembly's initiative #NoHateNoFear and, in this context, I would like to reiterate that you and the Knesset may count on the Assembly's full support in combatting terrorism and upholding the fundamental values that we share.

Yours sincerely

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