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Statement on the tragic events in Norway

Mr. Chairperson,

We are deeply shocked and saddened by the tragic events which happened in Norway on 22 July 2011, causing dozens of dead and many wounded. Switzerland condemns these dreadful attacks, which hit so many innocent victims. We extend our sincere condolences to the Norwegian people, as well as our heartfelt sympathy to the families and friends of the victims.

Mr. Chairperson,

These attacks underline the relevance of the OSCE's work to actively promote tolerance, understanding and respect within our societies. We are committed to continue this path in the OSCE and reiterate our support for the work of the ODIHR and the Personal Representatives of the Chairperson-in-Office to promote greater tolerance and combat racism, xenophobia and discrimination.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.