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**DELEGATION OF CANADA TO THE OSCE
STATEMENT BY YVES BEAULIRU, DEPUTY HEAD OF DELEGATION
ON TRAGIC EVENTS IN NORWAY
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Mr. Chairperson,

We are deeply shocked and saddened by the tragic events which took place in Norway on 22 July 2011, in which dozens lost their lives and many were left wounded.

We condemn these heinous crimes, which hit so many innocent victims, most of them very young. We extend our sincere condolences to the Norwegian people, as well as our heartfelt sympathy to the families and friends of those who died in the tragedy. Our thoughts and prayers are with the victims, witnesses and all those affected by these tragic attacks.

This attack reminds us of the relevance of the OSCE's work to actively promote tolerance, understanding and respect within and among our societies. Canada is committed to continue this path in the OSCE and we 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.

Canada stands with Norway at this difficult time. We are impressed by the strong resilience of the Norwegian people, which is an inspiration to us all.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.