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Statement on the Antisemitic Terrorist Attack in Australia

As delivered by Chargé d’Affaires Katherine Brucker
to the Permanent Council, Vienna
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Thank you for the condolences to the United States. I would now like to direct ours to the delegation of Australia. The United States strongly condemns the heinous terrorist attack in Australia on Sunday targeting a Hanukkah celebration hosted by Chabad-Lubavitch of Bondi. As Prime Minister Albanese said, this was “an act of evil, antisemitism, terrorism.”

Our thoughts are with the victims of this horrific attack and their families, the Jewish community, and the people of Australia, a valued OSCE Asian Partner. As Jews around the world light Hanukkah candles, they commemorate the triumph of light over darkness and the long history of Jewish resilience in the face of oppression. No community should have to fear publicly celebrating its faith and traditions due to the threat of extremist violence and terror. There can be no compromise with antisemitism – this scourge must be confronted and defeated.

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