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Dear Speaker,

John Bercow

On behalf of the Norwegian Parliament, I wish to extend my heartfelt condolences to you, the Parliament and the British people.

It was with great sadness and disbelief we received news that London was struck by yet another terrorist attack, on Friday 3 June. Our deepest sympathies go to the victims of this atrocity, their families and loved ones and to all of the British people.

Indiscriminate acts of violence and hate can never be justified or tolerated, and we must speak up whenever we are confronted with the extremist thoughts that often accompany such acts. The aim of the terrorists is to divide; to make us change into less free and less open societies. Let us therefore do the opposite. Let us unite and be stronger in the defence of our common, liberal values against the distorted ideas these groups represent. We stand together with you in the fight against extremism; as a European democracy this concerns us too.

Once again I assure the Parliament of our utmost solidarity in this difficult time.

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