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Dear Mr. Minister,

It is with deep distress that I have learned the tragic terror incidents in Norway causing great loss of human lives. Coming from a country which has suffered too much from terrorism, I understand your feelings and condemn this loathsome act in the strongest terms.

I have no doubt that Norway, the pioneer of peace-making in the world, will overcome this challenge by further promoting intercultural and interfaith dialogue.

Turkey, by promoting the alliance of civilizations and advancing its EU membership process, will continue to serve the purpose of a united Europe with multiculturalism, diversity, as well as mutual respect and tolerance.

This tragedy is not only national but a global phenomenon and shows that terrorism is scourge of our age, which requires international fight and enhanced cooperation at the European level.

On behalf of the Turkish people and my own behalf, I would like to extend my heartfelt condolences and deepest sympathy to Your Excellency, to the families of the victims and to the friendly people of Norway.

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