



## **United States Mission to the OSCE**

### **Statement on Tragic Events in Norway**

As delivered by Ambassador Ian Kelly  
to the Permanent Council, Vienna  
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Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

The United States condemns the heinous attacks carried out in Oslo and on Utoya Island on July 22. We offer our profound sympathies to the families, friends, and loved ones of those injured and killed. In this sad and uncertain time, we stand with the people of Norway. President Obama has offered our nation's assistance to the Norwegian government as it pursues its investigation into this crime, and we will support the government of Norway as it seeks justice.

These attacks make all too clear that our citizens are still vulnerable to intolerance, xenophobia and terrorism. As an organization, we must redouble our efforts to combat these evils. We commend the Norwegian government and people for their commitment to maintaining an inclusive, tolerant, and open society.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.