



His Majesty Harald V  
King of Norway

Rīga, 22 July 2011

Your Majesty,

Deep shock and immense condolences have overtaken the people of Latvia after the tragic events which occurred on the government quarter in Oslo and on the Utoya island. There is and cannot be any justification for terrorism, especially when unarmed people are targeted. We bow our heads in sorrow over each life that was cut short, and we are standing together in mourning with the families and friends of victims, as well as with the entire Norwegian nation.

Your Majesty, I wish you strength and confidence in this sorrowful period of time, and please convey our wish to all who were affected for a speedy and successful recovery. I am convinced that in this situation Norway will demonstrate its perseverance and pride, which it has done on many occasions throughout its great history.

At this moment of grief, Your Majesty, please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be 'Andris Bērziņš'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A' and a long, sweeping tail.

Andris Bērziņš  
President of the Republic of Latvia