



THE PRESIDENT OF THE  
REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA

Kadriorg, 23 July, 2011

Your Majesty,

I was shocked by the news of the terrible tragedy that has struck Norway. I am consumed by grief, sadness and incomprehension, as I think of the bomb explosion in Oslo, which claimed many victims, and the multiple fatalities on Utøya Island.

The thoughts of the whole of Estonia are with you at this very difficult and extremely tragic hour. Estonia is extending its hand to Norway in sympathy on these tragic days and we send you our words of support. Just like evil will never conquer goodness, horrible and incomprehensible crimes can never close our open societies, on the contrary, these will deepen our commitment to the principles of a democratic society.

Allow me to express my profound condolences to the families and friends of the victims and I would also like to wish quick recovery to the injured.

Please accept, Your Majesty, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Toomas Hendrik Ilves".

Toomas Hendrik Ilves

His Majesty  
King Harald V  
Kingdom of Norway  
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