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Mr Prime Minister

It was with profound shock that we learnt of the terrible terrorist atrocities in Brussels yesterday at Zaventem and Maelbeek.

On behalf of the Government and people of Jersey, I am writing to express our profound sympathy to the families of all those who lost their lives and to the many other people that were injured by these cowardly attacks on the innocent and defenceless.

We stand shoulder to shoulder with the Belgian government and the Belgian people at this very difficult time to defend the democratic values which we share and cherish. The terrorists cannot and will not be allowed to prevail.

As a small token of our solidarity the Island observed a minute's silence at 11am today, in common with other nations around Europe, and flags were flown at half-mast around the Island. Our Bailiff has also opened a Book of Condolence for the citizens of Jersey to express their thoughts and well wishes.

Yours sincerely

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