



## **Standing Together Against Hate and Terror**

### **Resolution of the Conference of European Affairs Ministers**

In the wake of the horrendous attacks which shook the centre of the European Union on 22 March 2016, the Members of the Conference of European Affairs Ministers stand together with the people directly affected, the families and friends of the victims, the city of Brussels and the people of Belgium. We stand together for a free and open European Union which is both safe and strong, and whose citizens live peacefully and happily together on the basis of our common values.

1. We are deeply shocked by the Brussels attacks. We grieve the loss of the many victims and our thoughts are with their families. We offer our most sincere condolences to the victims' families, the city of Brussels and the people of Belgium.
2. The attacks are an affront to Europe's freedom and principles. They constitute an abhorrent, barbaric act of blind hatred, perpetrated not only against the citizens of a specific city but also against our democracy, culture and way of life.
3. Religion should not be abused for murderous purposes. It is of fundamental importance that European States present a united front against Islamist radicalisation and do their utmost to combat terrorism. The democratic values upon which our society is built should not be compromised. For this reason, we have a duty to act with the utmost vigour.
4. The active defence of European principles is not only the duty of governments but of all citizens. This encompasses a commitment to democracy and respect for life, human dignity and other religions. Only those who adhere to these fundamental principles can be a part of a democratic, peaceful and just European society. This applies to all people, both those who already live here and those who are arriving, irrespective of religion, origin and cultural background.

Brussels, 29 April 2016

For the states



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