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Terrorist Attacks in Norway

New York, NY, July 23, 2011 - United Federation for Middle East Peace (“USFMEP”) condemns the twin terrorist attacks that rocked Norway yesterday and have now claimed the lives of at least 92 people. The attacks were launched on the central government offices in Oslo with a single bomb blast killing at least seven people. The attacks continued at a youth camp on the island of Utoya killing campers as young as 13-years-old.

“This is unacceptable. The gunman who killed numerous innocent and defenseless children should be punished. This is absolutely devastating and I am deeply troubled by this tragedy” said USFMEP President Sally Kader after the events unfolded yesterday. We are shocked and saddened by this brutal attack and we send our heartfelt support to the people of Norway in their hour of bereavement. USFMEP President and Staff extend their deepest condolences to the families of the victims taken by this calamity.

USFMEP denounces all forms of terrorism, violence, and hatred. There are various forms of terrorism in the world and, regardless of their origin, we need to stand together and condemn all forms. “We’ve been conditioned to believe that the vast majority of terrorist attacks are carried out by Middle Eastern extremists; however, in the case of the attacks in Norway, the suspected gunman was a radical right wing neo Nazi,” stated President Kader. “We must be wary not to profile certain groups as terrorists; acts of terrorism are committed by various groups, from countless backgrounds and several religions.”

In light of the United Nation’s International Year of Youth, this monstrous attack on youth serves as a setback to the advancement of youth, in a time when the world should be focusing on the empowerment and education of the next generation of world leaders. USFMEP has conducted a myriad of projects aimed toward youth empowerment throughout the course of its history. Youth are a crucial tool in creating and sustaining international unity among the global community and USFMEP continues to support leadership of youth in pursuit of a better tomorrow. USFMEP will keep the Norwegian community in its thoughts and prayers. This terrible tragedy has affected all of us in the international arena.

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