



STORTINGETS PRESIDENT

Dear President,

On behalf of the Storting, I wish to extend my sincere condolences to you, the Bundestag and to the German people.

Our thoughts and deepest sympathies go out to the injured and to the families and loved ones of the victims of the horrific act of terror carried out at Breitscheidplatz in Berlin on Monday.

These acts of violence are tragic at any time, but seem to be even more reprehensible when they target people engaging in festivities and celebrations. I wish the families of the victims solace in this holiday season as they deal with this tragedy.

Indiscriminate acts of violence can never be justified or tolerated. This is an attack on basic democratic values that once again underlines the importance of inter-parliamentary dialogue on how to fight terrorism and counter all forms of violent extremism.

I assure the Bundestag of our utmost solidarity.

Oslo, 21 December 2016

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Olemlc Thommessen".

Olemlc Thommessen

Professor Norbert Lammert
President of the Bundestag
Berlin