



Mgr. Monika ŠIMŮNKOVÁ

*Government Commissioner for Human Rights of the Czech Republic
General Director of the Human Rights Section*

Prague, 27 July 2011

Dear Madam,

With great sorrow, I learned of the tragedy that befell your country. The deaths of so many innocent citizens pained me all the more as among them were so many young people. I would like to express my sincere and profound condolences to your entire country, and I at the same time firmly believe that such a great nation as Norway will not be broken by this event.

It is unfortunately very difficult to prevent similar attacks. But it is possible and necessary to fight the emergence of such radical thinking, from which arise certain views that cause unstable individuals to turn weapons on innocent people. No point of view, no ideology, no real or perceived grievance can justify such horrific violence. The continuing struggle with extremism in all its forms remains, therefore, a task for all of us.

Please know that, at this difficult time, the people of Norway are not alone. The sympathies of all decent people around the world are with you, including the sympathies, thoughts, and compassion of the citizens of the Czech Republic.

With my regards and condolences once again,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Monika Šimůnková'.

Her Excellency

Sunniva Ørstavik

Equality and Anti-Discrimination Ombud of Norway