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Dear President Eliane

I am writing to express our deep condolences to you, to President Edle and to all our Norwegian sisters following the shocking and tragic loss of life in Oslo and the island of Utoya at the weekend.

These horrific acts, leading to the loss of so many young lives, are even harder to imagine or accept in a nation that is testament to the principles of peaceful co-existence. We know that the Norwegian people are in a state of deep shock. We extend our deepest sympathy, both to our Soroptimist sisters, and to all those who have lost family and friends, at this time of national mourning.

Please pass on our heartfelt best wishes to your Norwegian members. We are certain that they will help ensure that the values of the free and open society in which they live will not be undermined.

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