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We the Muslim members of the European Council of Religious Leaders - Religions for Peace are filled with sorrow and grief for the loss of life and injury to hundreds in the Paris terrorist attacks.

We utterly condemn these attacks and the terrorists who carried out this heinous barbarity. They claim to have done it in the name of God - far from it. Their work is the work of satan. Islam does not allow, teach, promote or inspire terrorism. It calls on Muslims to live in peace and harmony showing compassion and care for all.

We appeal to the people of France to stand in solidarity with their fellow Muslim citizens and not allow any division to take root.

We call on French Muslims to remain united and steadfast in their condemnation of terrorism and to remain vigilant against those who seek to promote violent extremism. We pray to God to heal the pain and ease the suffering of all people, amin.

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