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Mumbai attacks: International Alliance Against Terrorism condemns the terror and hostage-taking

Speaking in Paris today, Huguette Chomski Magnis, the honorary chair of the International Alliance Against Terrorism said the alliance members express their solidarity with, and support for, the victims of this week's ghastly attacks in Mumbai, India.

“The Alliance, made up of organizations from several different countries, speaks in the name of individuals from many countries who have found themselves unwilling participants in a process of terror forced upon them against their will.

“As direct and indirect victims ourselves, we are personally offended in the deepest way by the ongoing waves of terrorism. And we recognize our own responsibility to speak out and express utter condemnation.

“Our voices are expressed in a united and determined way against this latest manifestation of barbarism. Though it is India today, tomorrow it is certain to be a different country, and there will be many tomorrows. The victims will be of different races and religions and languages. But they will share something human and tragic – the loss of their individuality. We protest in the strongest possible way at this violation of the most basic of human rights – *the right to live*.

“We especially protest at the way the Mumbai hostages appear to have been targeted according to their national and religious backgrounds.

“The absolute condemnation of these crimes, which violate human life, endanger Indian democracy and multicultural society, suffers no mitigation or excuse. Civil society must stand against terrorism, wherever it strikes.”

This past weekend, on Sunday 23rd November, MPCT convened an international conference in Paris to mark the upcoming 60th anniversary of Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The conference was conducted under the title: *"Terrorism attacks universal human rights"*. Further details can be found at www.mpctasso.org, on the website of Mouvement Pour la Paix et Contre le Terrorisme (MPCT), France.

The member organizations of the International Alliance Against Terrorism are: *Mouvement Pour la Paix et Contre le Terrorisme* (France); *Omagh Support and Self Help Group* (Irlande du Nord); *AIVITER Associazione Italiana Vittime del Terrorismo* (Italie); *Djazairouna* (Algérie); *AVT Asociacion Victimias del Terrorismo* (Espagne); *Malki Foundation* (Israel); Philip Spencer, Représentant de Euston Manifesto (Grande-Bretagne).

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