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**Statement by Donald Tusk, President of the European Council,
on the attack against the newspaper Charlie Hebdo**

I am shocked by the appalling attack that took place this morning in Paris against Charlie Hebdo. The European Union stands side by side with France after this terrible act. It is a brutal attack against our fundamental values, against freedom of expression which is a pillar of our democracy. The fight against terrorism in all its forms must continue unabated.

On behalf of the European Union and myself I extend my deepest condolences to the families and relatives of the victims and express my solidarity with the French authorities and the French people.
