

**The President**

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**Mme Anne Hidalgo**  
**Mayor of Paris**  
**Co-President of UCLG**

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Dear Mayor,

On behalf of your colleagues at the Presidency and all UCLG members, I would like to present to the City of Paris to France and to the families and friends of the victims, the most sincere expression of sorrow upon the tragedy that took place yesterday in the seat of *Charlie Hebdo*.

We, local and regional governments united in UCLG firmly believe that nothing can justify the use of violence.

The World Organization would like therefore to express its solidarity and commitment to work to promote understanding and dialogue as bases for the peaceful societies that our communities deserve.



**Dr. Kadir Topbaş**  
Mayor of Istanbul