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**A Press Release on the Paris terrorist attack submitted by the International Association for the Defence of Religious Liberty (AIDLR) from Bern, Switzerland.**

**Je suis Paris!**

Humanity is grieving and in shock; today we are all victims and in complete solidarity with Paris. We are traumatized by all the terrorist attacks which took place on 13 November in Paris, with the consequences of hundreds of victims. We strongly condemn the terrorism and the killing of human persons in Paris and we pray and express compassion and solidarity with the French people and all families affected.

We express solidarity with the victims and the pain of France and the people of Europe who have been affected by these acts of violence. However, we underline the need to solve regional problems through political and humanitarian decisions, looking first of all, at its source, in the Middle East and North Africa, where the people are affected by the consequences of violence, war and terrorism. It is our belief that the international community must offer special help for refugees or those who have been displaced from Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, South Sudan, Nigeria, Ukraine and from many other places of the world affected by violence, wars and terrorism. These attacks, perpetrated in the name of religion by fundamentalists, extremists and terrorists, create confusion with regard to fundamental freedoms and religion.

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