

Minister of Foreign Affairs

Oslo, 12 September 2012

Dear colleague,

I have learnt with shock and deep sorrow that your distinguished ambassador to Libya and three other American personnel were killed in a mob attack on your consulate in Benghazi yesterday.

Norway condemns this attack in the strongest terms.

Ambassador Stevens was highly regarded for his personal qualities and for his professional competence. His in-depth knowledge of Libya was of great value in the challenging transition process that Libya is now going through. I know that many of my diplomats held him in high regard. He will be sorely missed.

Please accept my sincere condolences on the tragic deaths of Ambassador Stevens and his colleagues and please convey our deepest condolences to their families.

With my deepest regrets

Ionas Gahr Støre

The Hon. Hillary Rodham Clinton Secretary of State Washington, D.C.