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### **Statement by the Presidency of the Council of the European Union**

**The Presidency of the Council strongly condemns the terrorist attacks perpetrated against the French newspaper “*Charlie Hebdo*” on the 8<sup>th</sup> of January 2015 and expresses deepest feelings of sympathy and solidarity with the French nation.**

During the opening of the Presidency on the 8<sup>th</sup> of January Prime Minister of Latvia Mrs. Laimdota Straujuma declared that the Presidency stands ready to place the protection of the European fundamental values and freedoms among the highest priorities during the six months chairing of the Council.

The Presidency calls for the unity and cooperation of the European Union Member States in the protection of the fundamental freedoms and will actively address these issues in its working programme.

Let us not allow terrorism divide our societies and dismantle the trust in in each other.

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