

EuroMed NGO Platform statement of condemnation

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The EuroMeds NGO Platform condemns the heinous terrorism acts that occurred in the Bourj-Al-Barajneh area in Beirut on the 11th of November, resulting in 40 deaths and the attacks in several regions of Paris on the 13th of November resulting in the death of more than 120 people and the wounding of hundreds.

The Platform, on behalf of its members, presents the most sincere condolences to the Lebanese and French people and expresses its sympathy and solidarity with the victims' families.

The platform affirms that the synchronization between the events and the usage of similar bombing methods (suicide bombers) indicates the link between these incidents and demonstrates the high risks it implicates on the stability and peace in the region. This matter is proof of the failure of the conflict resolution strategy adopted, especially at the level of the refugee crisis; which calls for the review of the role of neighbor and European countries in its treatment. The security approach is useless, there is a need in an inclusive approach based on eliminating discrimination and inequality; which necessitates rethinking in the economic and social choices and the adoption of human-rights based development policies.

The platform calls the civil society to work on resisting to terrorism and reinforcing social cohesion and human rights' principles.