LETTER OF SOLIDARITY

Romani CRISS is deeply shocked and outraged by the despicable attack this morning in Paris by three masked persons. The attackers killed 10 journalists of the satirical newspaper Charlie Hebdo and 2 policemen and left many wounded. Such a despicable behavior is a rampage of cowardice and barbarism, for it is no revenge in shooting dead 12 unarmed people who were doing nothing but their job.

Their job they did and they did it with great dignity and honor. Freedom of expression is a quintessential part of building a democratic society and journalists play a critical role in this democracy building process. With their admirable courage, the journalists of Charles Hebdo decided not give in to intimidation and force, to uphold the values they believed in. They fought for freedom and today, they died as heroes.

It is with great sorrow that we send our sincerest condolence to the families of the victims. In the face of this despicable and hideous lunacy, to them, to the victims left behind and to the French society at large we express our deepest feelings of human solidarity.

Bucharest,
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SCRISOARE DE SOLIDARITATE

Fundatia Romani CRISS este profund socata si revoltata de atacul odios de azi dimineaata din Paris. Trei persoane mascate au ucis 10 jurnalisti ai publicatiei satirice Charles Hebdo si 2 politisti si au lasat in urma mai multe persoane ranite. Un asemenea comportament josnic constituie o explozie de lasitate si barbarism, pentru nu poate fi vorba despre vreo razbunare atunci cand impusti mortal 12 persoane neinarme care nu faceau alteca decat sa isi faca datoria.

Si-au facut datoria si si-au facut-o cu mare demnitate si onoare. Libertatea de exprimare constituie o parte esentiala a construirii unei societati democratice iar jurnalistii joaca un rol deosebit de important in aceasta constructie. Cu al lor curaj admirabil, jurnalistii de la Charles Hebdo au decis sa nu cedeze in fata intimidarilor si a foriei, sa sustina valorile in care cred. Au luptat pentru libertate si azi au murit ca eroi.

Cu mare tristete, ne exprimam cele mai sincere condoleante familiilor victimelor. In fata acestui act de nebunie josnica, lor, victimelor atacului si societatii francize in ansamblul sau, le transmitem cele mai puternice sentimente de solidaritate umana.

Bucuresti,
Romani CRISS