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Dear Sisters and Brothers of the Church of Norway and the AIN Family,

The images we have seen today from Norway have frightened us, because we would never have imagined that they could come from a country with a culture of peace such as yours. We, who seek for peace and reject all violent actions, want to express our solidarity with the Norwegian people who at this time suffer pain as a result of the deaths and injuries afflicted on so many families.

The people and the Church of Norway have stood in solidarity with Latin America during our most difficult moments. We especially remember the successful 2007 campaign by the Youth of Norway to bring about the condoning of the external debt that Ecuador, Nicaragua and Bolivia had with Norway.

With you we learnt that difficult times are opportunities to reaffirm trust in others, to be understanding, to be in solidarity, to learn to listen, to look at all with love, to hold hands together and move forward with hope

The Psalmist also encourages us in moments of sadness, when saying: "For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is *from* him. (Psalm 62:5)

May the Lord of Life grant you consolation and bless you with His Peace for Norway.

Fraternally yours in Christ Jesus,

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