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For months, we had been forewarned by many specialists and institutions. It was difficult to imagine though. And yet! On Friday night, wolves again entered Paris and Saint-Denis, causing horrible carnage and irrigating the streets with innocent blood. Fear, emotion and grief continue to invade France and beyond, the World.

Everyone remains stunned by this unspeakable tragedy. Never since the Liberation, our country had to face such outburst of violence from suicidal attacks carried out simultaneously in different parts of the Capital. France had never cried that many victims of terrorism. These criminals make no distinction of origin or religion. They hit mankind.

Less than a year after the barbaric crimes against Charlie Hebdo and kosher supermarket in Vincennes, here we are again caught in the dreadful whirlpool of fanatic terror. This time, no political or religious symbol under the assassins' fire but a happy, lively, young and festive crowd contrasting so much with the ugly face of fundamentalism. An additional step has just been made into barbarism which indiscriminately strikes at the heart of places where social life blossoms: bars, restaurants, concert venues, stadiums. It is indeed an unfathomably cruel act of war at the heart of our society.

The solidarity that stood up on the same evening, from hospitals overwhelmed by the influx of blood donors to the intense expression of solidarity on social networks, through the open doors of hundreds of homes, embodies a moral resistance which warms our hearts as gives us confidence in the future. The efficiency of public, health and civil protection services, has been exemplary, together with that of our territorial public servants. They were on that night the expression of a united and fraternal nation.

Today, France, although not alone in this case, is undeniably in the viewfinder of Daech and of the jihadi nebula. The terrorist threat is more than ever a macabre given with which our citizens will have to deal. It will take lucidity not to sacrifice freedoms, not to waver in our republican foundations and to convince that the values of liberty, equality and fraternity are the sharpest weapons to fight killing obscurantism.

Evidence is now clear that stacking security laws does not make the security of a nation, especially if they are written in the ink of animosity and under austerity. New means are needed to the Justice, Police, and Intelligence services to protect French citizens and democracy. The pinch of austerity must also be lifted for school and local communities.

The lessons of the war against terrorism waged by the United States of America must be at once and for all understood and assimilated. It is not by adding war to war nor by curtailing the "state of law" that the fire will go out. Politics must reassert itself. It is toward this exclusive goal that our diplomatic and military efforts, as well as domestic policy must be directed. Mainly, that is the only way to dry the jihadist recruitment channels which feed from the perpetual resentment maintained by the clash of arms, injustice and poverty nurtured by capitalist globalization. New efforts must be made here for education and the youth, and there for human, social and economic development. How is it possible that our country, present in so many theaters of war, has for the fifth consecutive year cut its development assistance, now far, very far away from the goals set by the UN?

To pull the Middle East out of chaos, France should initiate of a new international coalition, involving regional powers and associating them to the UN. Parliament should be empowered to

make proposals in this direction. The double-dealing of Gulf states and Turkey must be firmly denounced. France cannot on one hand claim to fight the war against international terrorism and on the other sign juicy arm sale contracts with theocratic monarchies or allow private companies to trade freely with those who pay as much as they inspire Islamist terrorism. Clarity and consistency are now essential. In this regard, the successive victories of Kurdish forces against the Islamic state provide a new hope on which we should count.

Terrorism will be effectively combated if we remain an open and tolerant society, rejecting the stigmatization which confuse our Muslim fellow citizens with those under the banner of jihadist death, a society fighting racism in all its forms. The Republic, as a common weapon, with solidarity as banner will topple the mountains of hate and division which fundamentalist barbarism and its underlings seek to erect.