

Belgrade, 15 March 2019

Excellency,

In the wake of the horrendous massacre that took place today in two mosques in Christchurch in which several dozen people died during the religious service and prayer time, on behalf of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia and my own behalf, I extend to you the expressions of my deepest condolences.

Please convey to the families of the victims our deepest sympathies and wishes for a speedy recovery to the wounded.

Such barbaric crimes deserve strongest condemnation and serve as a tragic reminder to the obligation of the entire international community to vigorously oppose all forms of extremism, terrorism, religious and ethnic hate and xenophobia, wherever they come from or whoever their perpetrators are.

The Republic of Serbia, as a multinational and multi-religious state, stands firmly with New Zealand at this difficult hour, most fiercely condemning this crime deeply believing that such acts have to be most severely punished in order to prevent new innocent victims in the future.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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