**Message from EASSW and IFSW Europe following the terror attacks**

The **European Association of Schools of Social Work** (EASSW) and the **International Federation of Social Workers – European** **Region** (IFSW Europe), representing European social work practitioners, academics and students in unison, express our collective shockand outrage with the recent horrible terrorist attacks that happened in **Brussels**, **Ankara** and **Istanbul** and in different parts of the world.

Our thoughts are with the innocent victims and their families and friends. A small, isolated and brutal group of extremists seem restless to threaten human rights, human dignity and humanity in the whole.

We as social workers resolutely resist to the brutalisation of our societies and refuse any form of violence, intolerance and bigotry targeting any individual or group, regardless of national, ethnic, race, religious or other backgrounds. We stand for the values of human dignity, tolerance and peace among all peoples. To this effect, we urge governments and international organisations to accelerate the process of conflict resolution in a peaceful and constructive manner.

Finally we express our commitment to utilising our professional knowledge, experience, skills and determination in order to contribute to this process and support the creation of peaceful and sustainable societies.

**EASSW** and **IFSW Europe** spread today a message of solidarity and support to our **members** in **Belgian** and **Turkey** and all over Europe and all organisations and citizens that support families in need or distress.

With Solidarity and hope to a peaceful world,

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