



## International Day of Remembrance of and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism

### Surviving Terrorism: The Power of Connections" High-level Event

20 August 2021, 9.00 a.m. – 11.00 a.m. (EDT)

Statement by Ms. Lisbeth Røynealand

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Secretary-General,  
Excellencies,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Thank you for inviting me to speak at this important international event.

My name is Lisbeth Røynealand, and I lost my daughter in the attack on Utøya Island in Norway on 22 July 2011.

The power of connections between victims across borders are essential. My youngest daughter Synne, 18 years old, was brutally executed by a right-wing extremist, just because she believed in our democracy and equality between people.

As a mother I have been dedicated to connections between victims, and I always bring her memory and her empathetic personality with me in my daily engagements.

The 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2011 was a lazy Friday afternoon in the middle of summer. It was raining and I was at home with my eldest daughter. Suddenly there was a news broadcast reporting about a bomb in Oslo. Immediately, I thought of my youngest daughter, who was at a political summer camp on an island called Utøya.

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Thank you for listening.