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Mayors for Peace UK and Ireland Chapter Statement, 6th June 2017

Mayors for Peace sends its deepest sympathy and solidarity to those killed and injured in the terrorist incident in London

The UK and Ireland Mayors, Provosts and Leaders for Peace Chapter – the constituent chapter of the international Mayors for Peace movement – joins with Executive Members of Mayors for Peace, including the Mayors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, to support the following message after the recent terrorist incident in London:

“The UK and Ireland Mayors for Peace Chapter, led by the Lord Mayor of Manchester, along with Executive Board members of Mayors for Peace, sends its sympathy and joins in solidarity with the city of London after the terrorist incident on the evening of the 3rd June. This incident follows so closely on from the 22nd March attack at Westminster and the 22nd May attack at the Manchester Arena.

Our deepest sympathy goes to the families of those killed and injured in this terrorist incident, all of whom were ordinary people enjoying a Saturday night out, just like those at the Manchester Arena just two weeks ago. Again, given that London is such an international city, this tragedy has affected people who have come from a wide number of countries around the world, and our sympathy goes to all those families around the world affected by this tragic incident. The Chapter sends its solidarity and support as well to the Mayor of London Sadiq Khan.

The Chapter fully supports the comments of the **Leader of Manchester City Council, Councillor Sir Richard Leese**, who said yesterday: “Manchester thoughts and sympathies are with those affected by the appalling attack in London and in particular with those who have tragically lost loved ones. As a truly great city, I know that London will show strength and unity in the face of the terrorists who seek to sow division and fear by their despicable acts.

The people of Manchester have shown incredible togetherness and resolve in the aftermath of the recent attack on our city and this, I’m sure will be demonstrated again at tonight’s ‘One Love Manchester’ concert. While it is important that people remain vigilant, it is vital that we do not allow those who hate our way of life and our solidarity to prevail.” (1)

Mayors for Peace works for a peaceful world and tackling the causes of conflict and injustice. Our thoughts are currently with the people of London and Manchester, as well as of Kabul and Mosul, and all other towns and cities living under the threat of terrorism and the scourge of urban civil war.

The statement was approved by the Lord Mayor of Manchester and the Deputy Leader of Manchester City Council and has the full support of the Mayors for Peace Executive Board. (2) The statement has been sent to all UK and Ireland members of Mayors for Peace.

A national minute’s silence will be held for the victims of the terrorist incident at 11am on the 6th June.

Ends. For further information contact the Chapter Secretary, Sean Morris on 00 44 (0)161 234 3244.

THE UK & IRELAND CHAPTER OF MAYORS FOR PEACE

- (1) Manchester City Council media release, 4th June 2017
http://www.manchester.gov.uk/news/article/7701/statement_from_sir_richard_leese
- (2) The statement of support and solidarity was agreed by members of the Mayors for Peace Executive Board and supported by the Chapter. Members of the Mayors for Peace Executive Board include the cities of Manchester, Hiroshima (Japan), Nagasaki (Japan), Halabja (Iraq), Granollers (Spain), Malakoff (France), Hannover (Germany), Ypres (Belgium), Malakoff (France), Biograd na Moru (Croatia), Frogn (Norway), Brussels (Belgium), Sarajevo (Bosnia and Hercegovina), Volgograd (Russia), Muntinlupa (Philippines), Fongo-Tongo (Cameroon), Mexico City (Mexico), Bangkok (Thailand), Fremantle (Australia), Semey (Kazakhstan), Cochin (India), Montreal (Canada), Wellington (New Zealand), Santos (Brazil), Cartago (Costa Rica), Bogota (Colombia), Des Moines (USA) and Tehran (Iran).