

**Statement by the Ambassador Aviv Shir-On,  
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I would like to thank all the previous speakers and stress that we highly appreciate the statements that were made by world leaders and governments.

The terror attack against Israeli tourists in Bulgaria yesterday demonstrates once more the total and brutal war waged on us decades ago and the fact that it is fought indiscriminately against innocent civilians in Israel and around the world murdering citizens of other countries, damaging tourism and world economy and killing the values we all cherish. This murder is yet another signal for all of us for the need to fight the perpetrators of world terror. We know who they are and often we also know where they are. In this case the traces lead to Iran that during the last few months tried to carry out attacks against Israelis in Thailand, India, Georgia, Kenya, and Cyprus. This terror attack demonstrates the need to collaborate and coordinate the international efforts in fighting terror and enhance these efforts also within the frameworks of the OSCE.

I would like to use this opportunity to convey our condolences to the Bulgarian people for the death of two Bulgarian citizens and thank the Bulgarian government for the medical treatment and assistance rendered to our wounded and for the cooperation of the Bulgarian authorities in the investigation that is currently undergo.