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Your Excellency,

I should like to take this opportunity to express my horror when learning of the terrible bomb attacks in Mumbai yesterday. My thoughts are with the many victims of these atrocities, their families and friends.

President Buzek and I have already issued press releases condemning these acts of evil, which were directed at innocent civilians. In my statement I noted that Mumbai appears to be tragically plagued by such appalling actions. As you know, it was only twelve weeks ago that the Delegation of the European Parliament laid a wreath and lit candles in the Taj Mahal hotel at the memorial for victims of the terrorist attacks of 2008. Just yesterday I saw friends from Mumbai before they left Brussels to return to their home city.

It is precisely attacks like these, organised possibly by criminals working across borders, which underline the importance of the growing co-operation between the EU and India in the fight against international crime.

On behalf of the delegation, and the European Parliament as a whole, I should like to send the deepest condolences to the victims and their loved ones. I hope that we will soon see the perpetrators of these outrageous attacks brought to justice and serving prison sentences.

Yours sincerely

Sir Graham Watson