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**Statement by H.E. Mr. Mogens Lykketoft,  
President of the 70<sup>th</sup> Session of the General Assembly,  
On the mass shooting in Orlando, Florida**

The President of the United Nations General Assembly H.E. Mogens Lykketoft expressed anger, outrage and deep sorrow for the victims killed in the mass shooting in Orlando, Florida yesterday.

He called the worst mass shooting in US history by a lone gunman a misguided and despicable act of barbarism.

Mr Lykketoft expressed his deepest condolences to the families and loved ones of those who were murdered in cold blood while simply enjoying a night out with their friends.

He also expressed solidarity with and extended his deepest sympathies to the Government and People of the United States.

He called on Governments and people everywhere to get together and commit to support even stronger global, national and local efforts to prevent the spread of hatred and violent extremism.