

## WE SHARE YOUR PAIN

We watched with great concern as the U.S. diplomatic missions were attacked, and then learned with great sadness that Ambassador Chris Stevens and several of his colleagues were killed in Libya. Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of the victims and their friends in Washington and around the world. These tragic events showed once again that we live in a dangerous world, and diplomatic service, as we are now increasingly aware, involves real security challenges. They also highlighted the hard work and sacrifices made by America's foreign service officers around the world.

These have been difficult and emotional days for our friends at the U.S. State Department. We share your pain and appreciate your commitment! Even if we occasionally disagree with you, we greatly admire what you do for your country and for strengthening international relations.

While recent events also have raised questions on what constitutes hate speech, no individual insult, however offensive and provocative, should be a justification for violence. This is precisely why the ideas of tolerance and inclusiveness are so crucial for successful development.

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