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STATEMENT BY THE
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS,
THE HONOURABLE MITCHELL SHARP,
HOUSE OF COMMONS,
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"SHOOTING AT TEL AVIV AIRPORT"

I am sure all Members of the House shared my feelings of shock and horror when they heard the news of the shooting incident at Tel Aviv airport on May 30. Such acts of senseless violence directed against innocent civilians can only be deplored by reasonable people everywhere. In my absence from Canada, Senator Martin on May 31 conveyed to the Israeli Ambassador in Ottawa the Government's feelings and expressions of sympathy to the bereaved families of the victims of this horrible crime. I know the House would wish to join me in expressing sincere condolences to the family of Mrs. Subach of Montreal who was killed and to her daughter, Miss Mimi Subach who was wounded, our wishes for an early recovery.

The Ambassadors of Israel and Lebanon have made known to us the views of their Governments on this episode. We have taken note of a number of public statements, among them one by the President of Lebanon last Friday condemning the Tel Aviv airport incident. In addition, our Ambassador in Beirut has been instructed to convey our views on the incident to the Lebanese Government.

This tragic episode is another instance of acts of violence by extremist groups which are unfortunately becoming all too common in various parts of the world. Such acts are particularly dangerous in the Middle East, and I hope that this one will not lead to an escalation of violence there.

Since the incident, new security measures have been put into effect in Canada and I am sure my colleague the Minister of Transport would be glad to give information to the House on these measures.