

President's report

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Conclusion

The “consumer society” as it is known is clearly evolving and changing.

More and more, the peoples of industrialized countries are making every effort to guarantee the quality of their food and drinks, the origin, traceability, source and purity of what it is offered to them.

They also worry about the causal links and the origins of the various diseases that are attributed more and more to nutrition.

Numerous recent scandals linked to the varied definitions of food content have been reported and the population is more and more on the alert.

The emergence of whistle-blowers, sometimes medical, using the internet to draw the attention of public authorities, come and contribute also to public knowledge and information. Something which from now on cannot be ignored by pharmaceutical groups or the food industry.

It will therefore no longer be possible in the future to continue as we are currently doing, basing our development and future only on profit. As a matter of fact, profit might be targeted and held responsible for products being reported and rejected.

We must drastically change our ways of operating and review our methods of communication.

If globalisation implies a global market, the consequences of multimedia development on a global scale, it is also going to put a curb on what big corporations are trying to hide from the public.

Nothing can be hidden from the public anymore.

So on the one hand, in order to fight against obesity and on the other, in order to fight against the proliferation of slimming products or those products that are supposed to fight such and such disease, we urgently advocate an immediate ban, pure and simple, on any kind of publicity that has to do with all drink and food products, no matter what form or means of communication.

This essentially concerns the large public media; papers, magazines, television, cinema and billboards.

We must consider stopping as fast as possible, advertising that targets youth with the systematic use of sodas, types of coca cola, fanta, (etc...), over-sweetened products, cakes, ice-creams, jam, juice, ketchup and spreads whose sugar content is harmful to health. In this spirit, we must consider forbidding the availability of these products in cinemas, high schools, university campuses and all the other mainstream places ; fairs,

shows, festivals, etc... we have to replace them with healthy substitutes which do exist, but are only known to a minority who go to organic shops.

We must stop pushing people to consume products that are obviously against a healthy life style.

This is the cost and these are the innovations needed to make a positive impact on the society we are going to leave behind for our grandchildren.

PS : We express our gratitude to Belgium that has just forbidden the use of diesel vehicles from before 2007 on the Brussels territory as from 2019

MONACO STATE OF MAXIMUM ALERT

Following the Nice terror attack

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On the 14th of July 2016, France was struck by an Islamist “ lone wolf ” inspired by Daesh, causing 83 deaths and as many again injured. Once our disbelief, sadness and our condolences had been conveyed to our French neighbour by the sovereign, head of state and the royal government, the Public Safety Authority in the Principality of Monaco declared a state of maximum alert and a crisis unit was set up from within the Ministry of the Interior.

In solidarity for and support to the French people, several demonstrations have been cancelled in Monaco and a mass has been held in memory of the victims at the Cathedral of Monaco in the presence of members of the government and the royal family. It is obvious to the authorities that a similar terror attack cannot and must not happen in Monaco.

But how is it to be avoided, how do we prevent it and what measures must be taken to ensure such an event does not happen.

It is true that Monaco, only 2 square kilometres in size, is not a target for Islamists. However, a lone fanatic radicalised and inspired by the sound-bites of the type spread by Daesh, could be tempted to see the principality as a target.

From there on the limits of the territory can be an advantage as they allow the creation of all sorts of plans and theories for attack, which in turn keeps the entire police force on the alert, with numerous and varied means at their disposal for protecting and reassuring residents while at the same time anticipating as much as possible what could happen.

Thus police presence at the four entry points of the principality has been strengthened. All vehicles entering the territory are scrutinised without necessarily being stopped. Faces are examined and their potential for being dangerous evaluated by specialists, vehicle control having been reinforced intra muros. Anything suspicious is verified and

the police force increased and armed with assault weapons, ready to react to any threat. Access around the Casino and the Rock of Monaco has been restricted to certified vehicles only.

Vehicles can no longer stop unexpectedly at heavily frequented places, because they could represent a possible target. Security at establishments in the vicinity of the Casino has also been visibly reinforced. Security agents have been placed at the entrances to the Hotel de Paris, the Casino and the Café de Paris. Bags are checked and/or scanned and police presence supported by army backup.

Even access to the Beach of Monte-Carlo, the famous high-class beach of Monaco, although located on French territory, has been made a secure zone and its access strictly controlled.

The maritime area has also been reinforced in order to avoid the possibility of an arrival from the sea.

Everything has been set up to limit as much as possible from now on, any attempt of the kind that happened at "la Promenade des Anglais", in Nice.

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Like the whole international community, we are dismayed and stunned by the news of the terror attacks that have taken place in Belgium, at the airport and the metro.

This blind savagery, that nothing can justify, will never let those who are behind it and those who commit such act of terror, gain anything more than the public scorn.

Beyond the terror, democracy will survive this horror and the international community will join together with strength and all possible means and will fight these terrorists until they disappear. There is no, absolutely no doubt, that they will disappear.

All the members of the diplomatic commission join us in honouring the memory of the victims of these heinous acts. Together we express our united compassion which goes as much to the injured as to the families bereaved.

Faced therefore with these dramatic ordeals, it is with a lot of pain and sadness that we offer our sincere condolences to the people of the Kingdom of Belgium and their king.