



Solidarity, sympathy and compassion with our French colleagues and friends and France from the President of HOTREC and the Executive Committee, all HOTREC Members and the Brussels Secretariat

Brussels – 16 November 2015 – In these terrible times of loss and mourning, we would like to convey to each of you, your families, relatives and colleagues the solidarity and friendship of HOTREC and its Members, individually and collectively, who have been deeply affected and hurt by the horror of the last Friday's terrorists' attacks in Paris.

Needless to say that HOTREC condemns with the strongest voice these horrible and terrible terrorist acts and attacks which affect France individually and collectively, and each and all of us as well. We are heartily united around you and what has happened to France, and we feel that it has happened similarly to all of us as well.

With deepest thoughts and warmest regards,

Christian de Barrin on behalf of the President of HOTREC and the Executive Committee, the Members of HOTREC and the Brussels Secretariat



What is HOTREC?

HOTREC represents the hotel, restaurant and café industry at European level. This industry includes around 1,8 million businesses, of which 99% are small and medium sized enterprises (91% of them micro enterprises, i.e. employing fewer than 10 people). These businesses make up some 59% of industry value added. The hospitality industry provides some 10.2 million jobs in the EU alone. Together with the other tourism industries, the sector is one of the largest industries in Europe. HOTREC brings together 42 national associations representing the sector in 28 different European countries.