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Dear Mr Vojtěch,

I was deeply saddened by the news of the unfortunate loss of lives at the Ostrava University Hospital trauma clinic. My thoughts and those of the staff of the WHO Regional Office for Europe are with you and I would like to convey my deepest sympathy and profound condolences to you, and through you, to the Government, and the people of the Czech Republic, most especially the families affected by this unfortunate and tragic event. We empathize with the families of the victims and wish a speedy recovery to the injured.

Events like this one affect all people, not only those directly involved, and also elevate the awareness of the ongoing threats to health and well-being that we all must face. In moments like this, the critical role of intersectoral coordination and cooperation for emergency response come to the fore, as was the case with the Czech Republic Government's response to this unfortunate event.

I would like to assure you of the WHO willingness and availability, through its country presence and its regional capacities, to support your actions as necessary.

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Yours very truly,

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