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NATIONAL MEMORIAL FOR VICTIMS OF TERRORISM OVERSEAS

We are all aware of the devastating events that took place in Paris recently, and in the Tunisian city of Sousse last year. This and other dreadful attacks in recent history are painful reminders that however hard the Government and security services work to prevent terrorist attacks, our best efforts are not always enough to stop the pervasive will of those intent on causing suffering.

Many British families have experienced great loss and everyone we have lost in such terrible and heart-breaking circumstances is forever remembered by their families, their loved ones and by a nation that stops each and every time such atrocities occur.

There is no single focal point for the nation's grief when an attack of this nature takes place. It is for this reason that the Prime Minister announced that we would create a National Memorial for British Victims of Overseas Terrorism.

I am launching a consultation on the memorial, to which all are most welcome to respond. The consultation seeks the views of interested parties on what the memorial should be like: this can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/national-memorial-for-terrorism-victims> from Friday 22 January and responses can be submitted until Friday 4 March.

This is an opportunity to build a space for all those affected by terrorist incidents, to collect, assemble and focus their thoughts at a time of particular need and grief.

Yours faithfully

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