



## International Day of Remembrance of and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism

"Surviving Terrorism: The Power of Connections" High Level Event

20 August 2021, 9.00 a.m. – 11.00 a.m. EDT (online)

Statement by Ms. Emma Craig

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Under-Secretary-General,  
Excellencies,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

United Kingdom – # – @ – support approach for victims of terrorism is failing our children.

On 7<sup>th</sup> July 2005, I was 14 years-old and on my way to work experience in London when bombs exploded on parts of the London Transport Network.

@ – @ – voice because my voice was cracking under the strain of holding my story inside. It was through both therapy and talking to other survivors that I began to find my voice again.

Connections to other survivors enabled me to learn vocabulary for things that were happening to me, for example, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, flashbacks, tension, fight or flight reactions. Talking to other survivors helped me practice how to describe my feelings about my experience in a safe place with people, who truly understood.

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UK and abroad, which found that 56% of survivors relied on other survivors as one of their primary sources of support.

We need to treat the child, who has experienced the terrorist attack, not only as an individual, but also as family unit because their parents and brothers or sisters are those who manage the environment, in which the child recovers.

Children have different blockers and requirements from support services, so we need to take a whole family approach and provide more support to children and their families to survive the aftermath of terrorism. Thank you.