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**Bomb Attack on U.S. Consulate in Karachi**

We condemn this heinous attack on our Consulate General in Karachi. We are outraged by the fact that at least eleven Pakistanis, some of whom were there to protect the Consulate, died and many others were injured. We extend our deepest sympathies to the victims and their families.

In murdering these Pakistanis, terrorists have once again shown their utter disregard for life and underlined the grave threat from terrorism faced by us all. It reminds us once again of the risks faced every day by our diplomats and local employees in their work overseas. It only strengthens our determination, and that of the international coalition, to defeat terrorism around the world.

Since September 11, we have worked shoulder to shoulder with President Musharraf and Pakistan in the global war against extremism and terrorism. We will continue this close cooperation. We are working with the Government of Pakistan in its efforts to establish the identity of the perpetrators and bring them to justice swiftly.

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