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To: President Emmanuel Macron
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Dear President Emmanuel Macron,

I write on behalf of Maccabi Europe an umbrella organisation representing 40 Jewish Communities across Europe including one of our largest members Maccabi France.

We are dismayed at the ruling of the Supreme Court of Cassation that the murderer of Sarah Halimi was not criminally responsible because he had smoked Marijuana prior to committing the crime.

At a time when Jewish communities across Europe and especially in France are looking for the authorities to stamp out any trace of antisemitism this judgment sends completely the wrong message to any anti-Semite.

This attack by Kobili Traore on the only Jewish person living in the apartment block was eventually registered as a hate crime by the French Government.

The fact that he chose to take what is widely recognised as "soft drugs" should have no bearing on his intent to murder a Jewish person in cold blood and the courts should be forced to revisit their mindless decision and do the right thing by this innocent lady, the law needs to protect the innocent and enforce the law on those that break it.

The Jews of Europe will not go quietly ever again and we will do everything in our power to ensure that the murderer stands trial and is convicted for this heinous crime against someone for being Jewish.

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