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Charlie Hebdo: Le Choc en France

Lecture by the Honorable Philippe Létrilliart
Consul General of France in Miami

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Following the horrific terrorist attack in the offices of *Charlie Hebdo* in Paris on January 7th, the Consul General of France in Miami, Philippe Létrilliart, will comment and follow-up on what happened in France and what exceptional measures will be implemented to address the threat of terrorism. Beyond the horrible human tragedy, this incident is a challenge to French national unity and values.

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Philippe Létrilliart assumed office of Consul General of France in Miami on September 3, 2013. He was previously Head of the Department in charge of Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean at the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2010-2013). Being assigned multiple times in Latin America, he began his professional stay abroad as a "coopérant" in Guatemala (1989-1990), before joining the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He subsequently held the position of First secretary at the Embassy of France in Havana (1996-2000). Recently, he served as the senior Advisor to the Embassy of France in La Paz (2006-2010). During his career, Philippe Létrilliart notably served at the Protocol (1993-1996) and handled multilateral affairs as Deputy Representative of France to the economic and social UN Commission for Asia and the Pacific in Bangkok (2000-2003). As part of the Center for Research and International Studies, he was also a Senior lecturer at Sciences Po (2003-2006). Philippe Létrilliart graduated from the Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris (Sciences-Po) and holds a Master of Contemporary History.

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