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Your Excellence,
dear Mr. Ambassador of Japan to the Czech Republic,

Let me join all of those who express through Your Excellence their sorrow for the accident that happened in your country, when a mentally disordered person stabbed to death nineteen disabled people, as somehow he seemed to intend to relieve them from their own suffering.

Your country as well as your nation is brave, and has faced many natural disasters – earthquakes, tsunami or volcano eruptions. I admire that your nation still considers a murder with the intention of euthanasia as something mad. Your Japan appreciates elderly people, always trying to help handicapped ones. Meanwhile, in some countries, Europe political parties and parliaments struggle to legalize acts similar to this one that happened in Japan – believing that the best solution for sufferers might be death.

I will be pleased when you deliver to your leaders my honest and heartfelt condolences for the sad event. I am in my prayers with you and with all of Japan.

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