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**CDP responds to 9/11 commemoration**

“Our hearts and thoughts are with the American people as they commemorate the 9/11 attacks which killed almost 3 000 people,” says Rev. Theunis Botha, leader of the Christian Democratic Party (CDP).

“The aftermath is not only one of sorrow, but also of heroism, care and pride.

“We are however concerned that Pres. Barack Obama has not taken a wise course in his response to Syria. We agree that Assad needs to be punished in terms of international law if he was indeed guilty of the poison gas attack on civilians, but we believe there are better ways of solving a very complicated situation.

“The mere fact that the US government warned that there may be reprisal attacks should, in the wake of the 9/11 commemoration, be sufficient to seek wisdom and not blood.”

**CDP reageer op herdenking van 9/11-aanvalle op Amerika**

“Ons harte en gedagtes gaan uit na die Amerikaanse volk wat vandag die 9/11-aanvalle herdenk waartydens bykans 3 000 mense omgekome het,” sê ds. Theunis Botha, leier van die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP).

“Die afloop van die aanvalle was nie net een van hartseer nie, maar ook van heldhaftigheid, omgee en trots.

“Ons is egter bekommerd dat pres. Barack Obama nie ‘n wyse koers in sy reaksie op die Siriese kwessie ingeneem het nie. Ons stem saam dat Assad ingevolge die internasionale reg gestraf moet word as hy skuldig was aan die gifgasaanval op burgerlikes, maar ons glo daar is beter maniere om ‘n uiters komplekse situasie aan te spreek.

“Die blote feit dat die Amerikaanse regering gewaarsku het dat daar weerwraakaanvalle kan volg behoort, teen die agtergrond van die 9/11-herdenking genoegsame herinnering te wees dat wysheid, en nie loed nie, gesoek moet word.”