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La mission pré-électorale du Congrès salue l'accord sur les élections locales en Albanie

Tirana, 13.01.2007 – « La signature d'un accord électoral entre les partis de la majorité et de l'opposition est une bonne nouvelle pour le peuple albanais qui va enfin pouvoir voter pour ses élus locaux, » ont déclaré aujourd'hui depuis Tirana Ian Micallef et Jean-Claude Frécon au nom du Congrès des pouvoirs locaux et régionaux du Conseil de l'Europe.

« La ténacité du Président de la République et la volonté des leaders politiques ont permis de sortir du chaos qui menaçait la démocratie et l'Etat de droit en Albanie. Il appartient maintenant au Parlement de finaliser cet accord pour pouvoir enfin organiser les élections sans plus de retard, » ont-ils ajouté.

« Le Congrès observera ces élections qui devront se dérouler en accord avec la législation albanaise et les standards internationaux, » ont-ils conclu.

Pre-electoral mission of the Congress welcomes the agreement on local elections in Albania

Tirana, 13.01.2007 – "The signing of an electoral agreement between majority and opposition parties is definitely good news for the Albanian people who can finally vote for their elected representatives", said today from Tirana Ian Micallef and Jean-Claude Frécon on behalf of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe.

"The tenacity of the President of the Republic and the will of political leaders allow to pave the way out of the chaos threatening democracy and the rule of law in Albania. It is now up to the Parliament to finalise this agreement in order to organise elections without any further delay", they added.

"The Congress would observe these local elections to be held in accordance with the Albanian law and international standards", they concluded.

The Congress has two chambers, the Chamber of Local Authorities and the Chamber of Regions.
It brings together 315 full and 315 substitute members representing more than 200 000 European territorial communities.
President of the Congress Halvdan Skard (Norway, SOC), President of the Chamber of Regions: Yavuz Mildon (EPP/CD, Turkey),
President of the Chamber of Local Authorities : Ian Micallef (Malta, EPP/CD).
Political Groups : Socialist Group (SOC), Group of the European People's Party – Christian Democrats (EPP/CD),
Independent and Liberal Democrat Group (ILDG).