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Council of Europe Secretary General in Kyiv for talks with all political parties

Strasbourg, 26.04.2007 - Council of Europe Secretary General Terry Davis arrived last night in Kyiv. During his visit, at the personal invitation of President Yushchenko, he will also meet with the Prime Minister Yanukovych, Speaker of the Parliament Moroz, the leaders of all political groups, including the opposition, NGO's and political analysts. His visit is the continuation of a round of discussions started earlier this month in Strasbourg.

"This is a political conflict and it is better to sort it out in the courtroom than in the street. But it is even better to settle political questions at the negotiating table " said Terry Davis. "The Constitutional Court is the guardian of the constitution. It should not be given the role of an arbitrator of political disagreements. The Court does not relieve the government and political forces of their responsibility to govern".

Le Secrétaire Général du Conseil de l'Europe rencontre l'ensemble des partis politiques à Kiev

Strasbourg, 26.04.2007 – Terry Davis, Secrétaire Général du Conseil de l'Europe, est arrivé hier soir à Kiev. Au cours de sa visite, à l'invitation personnelle du Président Viktor Iouchtchenko, il rencontrera aussi le Premier Ministre Viktor Ianoukovitch, le Président du Parlement Alexandre Moroz, les chefs de l'ensemble des partis politiques, y compris l'opposition, des responsables d'ONG et des analystes politiques. Sa visite s'inscrit dans le droit fil d'un cycle de discussions qui a démarré au début de ce mois à Strasbourg.

"Nous sommes face à un conflit politique. Il vaut mieux le régler dans un prétoire que dans la rue. Mais il vaudrait encore mieux résoudre les questions politiques autour d'une table de négociations", a déclaré Terry Davis. "La Cour constitutionnelle est la gardienne de la Constitution. Il ne faut pas qu'on lui confère le rôle d'arbitre de différends politiques. La Cour ne dispense pas le gouvernement et les forces politiques d'assumer leur responsabilité, qui est de gouverner."

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