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The world is watching the preparations for the elections of 30 September

Statement by Terry Davis, the Secretary General of the Council of Europe

Strasbourg, 08.06.2007 - For Ukrainian leaders, the elections of 30 September are a test of international credibility, statesmanship and responsibility. I welcome the fact that the political agreement on holding the elections has now been endorsed by the Parliament which has adopted the necessary legislation. Now the priority is the preparation of the elections. Everyone must contribute and time is of the essence. Any procrastination, intentional or otherwise, will put at risk the right of the Ukrainian people – to express their views in free and fair elections. I am confident that the Ukrainian authorities are committed to the discharge of their duties, but everyone must cooperate with them. Everyone must understand that the world is watching.

Le monde entier a le regard tourné vers les élections du 30 septembre

Déclaration de M. Terry Davis, Secrétaire Général du Conseil de l'Europe

Strasbourg, 08.06.2007 - Pour les dirigeants ukrainiens, les élections du 30 septembre font figure de test en termes de crédibilité internationale, de sagesse politique et de sens des responsabilités. Je me réjouis de ce que le Parlement ait avalisé l'accord politique sur la tenue des élections et ait adopté les textes de loi nécessaires. Priorité doit maintenant être donnée à la préparation de ces élections. Chacun doit y contribuer et la vitesse s'impose. Tout report, intentionnel ou non, remettrait en cause le droit du peuple ukrainien d'exprimer ses opinions à l'occasion d'élections libres et régulières. Je suis certain que les autorités ukrainiennes sont déterminées à remplir leurs obligations, mais il faut que chacun coopère. Chacun doit comprendre que le monde entier a le regard tourné vers l'Ukraine.

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