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Council of Europe Secretary General marks the 3rd anniversary of the Beslan school tragedy

Strasbourg, 01.09.2007 – The Secretary General of the Council of Europe, Terry Davis, today made the following statement to mark the third anniversary of the Beslan school tragedy:

"The third anniversary of the Beslan tragedy, a despicable terrorist attack which intentionally targeted children, is the occasion to commemorate the memory of the victims – 331 people, more than half of them children – but also to renew our resolve to fight terrorism, and to defeat it. This can be done, if we do it together and if we do it right.

"In my own name and on behalf of the Council of Europe I would like to re-iterate my messages of sympathy and solidarity with the families of the victims and with all the people of the Russian Federation."