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Council of Europe Secretary General Terry Davis welcomes the announcement of early presidential elections and calls for lifting the state of emergency in Georgia

Strasbourg, 09.11.2007 – Terry Davis The Secretary General of the Council of Europe today made the following statement:

"I welcome the announcement of early presidential elections as a way to resolve the current political difficulties in Georgia. However, this requires that the state of emergency be lifted and that freedom of expression and association be fully restored, in compliance with the European Convention on Human Rights. In the run-up to the elections, the authorities and the opposition should refrain from any provocation and intimidation which could jeopardise the prospects for a peaceful and democratic solution to the present situation."

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