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### **Le Président de l'APCE condamne l'assassinat d'un ancien conseiller municipal en Espagne**

Strasbourg, 07.03.2008 - Le Président de l'Assemblée parlementaire du Conseil de l'Europe (APCE), l'espagnol Lluís Maria de Puig, a aujourd'hui fermement condamné l'assassinat d'un ancien conseiller municipal de Mondragon et a transmis ses condoléances à ses proches.

« Quiconque cherche à déstabiliser les institutions démocratiques en Espagne, et pense ainsi influencer le résultat des élections législatives, se trompe. En se rendant aux urnes dimanche, le peuple espagnol démontrera sa foi dans le processus démocratique. Quelles que soient les raisons invoquées, les auteurs de tels actes barbares ne sont que des criminels, » a déclaré le Président de l'APCE.

### **PACE President condemns the assassination of a former municipal councillor in Spain**

Strasbourg, 07.03.2008 – The President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE), Spaniard Lluís Maria de Puig, today firmly condemned the assassination of a former municipal councillor from Mondragon, and offered his condolences to the victim's family.

“Anyone seeking to destabilise democratic institutions in Spain, in an attempt to influence the general election result, is making a mistake. When the Spanish people vote on Sunday, they will be demonstrating their faith in the democratic process. Whatever motives they may claim, the perpetrators of such acts of barbarism are nothing but criminals,” the PACE President said.

The Parliamentary Assembly brings together 318 members from the national parliaments of the 47 member states.

President: Lluís Maria de Puig (Spain, SOC) ; Secretary General of the Assembly: Mateo Sorinas.

Political Groups: EPP/CD (Group of the European People's Party); SOC (Socialist Group); EDG (European Democratic Group); ALDE (Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe); UEL (Group of the Unified European Left).