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Congress President condemns assassination of Isaias Carrasco

Strasbourg, 07.03.2008 – "The assassination of Isaias Carrasco, former municipal councillor of Mondragon is a brutal and senseless crime which cannot be justified by any political cause, and which I condemn in the strongest terms," stated today Halvdan Skard, President of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe.

"On behalf of the Congress, I wish to express our solidarity with the people and authorities of Mondragon, and convey my sincere condolences to Mr Carrasco's family and friends," he said.

The Congress has two chambers, the Chamber of Local Authorities and the Chamber of Regions.
It brings together 318 full and 318 substitute members representing more than 200 000 European territorial communities.
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