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## Elections in Georgia

***Statement by Carl Bildt, Chairman of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe***

Strasbourg, 23.05.2008 - The Chairman-in-office of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, Carl Bildt, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Sweden took note of the assessment by the international observation mission of the Parliamentary elections held in Georgia the day before yesterday. "It is reassuring to note that the election environment has generally improved since the presidential elections. At the same time, we look forward to continued efforts on behalf of the Georgian authorities to properly address the shortcomings that were identified in a number of areas, as well as to ensure an accurate and transparent process for complaints and appeals.

The Council of Europe stands fully prepared to provide further assistance to Georgia in this work. I call on all political forces in Georgia to enter into a constructive dialogue in order to further the course of democratic reforms in the country."

## Elections en Géorgie

***Déclaration de Carl Bildt, Président du Comité des Ministres du Conseil de l'Europe***

Strasbourg, 23.05.2008 - Carl Bildt, Président du Comité des Ministres du Conseil de l'Europe et Ministre des Affaires étrangères de la Suède, a pris note de l'évaluation de la mission d'observation internationale des élections législatives qui se sont tenues avant-hier en Géorgie. « Il est rassurant de noter que, d'une manière générale, l'environnement électoral s'est amélioré depuis les élections présidentielles. Cependant, nous attendons des autorités géorgiennes qu'elles poursuivent leurs efforts assidus pour remédier aux lacunes qui ont été identifiées dans plusieurs domaines et qu'elles garantissent la justesse et la transparence des procédures de plaintes et de recours.

A cet égard, le Conseil de l'Europe est prêt à renforcer son aide à la Géorgie. J'invite toutes les forces politiques géorgiennes à s'engager dans un dialogue constructif en vue de mener à bien les réformes démocratiques dans le pays. »

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