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South Ossetia: Congress President Yavuz Mildon calls for an immediate cessation of hostilities

Strasbourg, 08.08.2008 – "I call on all parties to South Ossetia's conflict in Georgia to establish an immediate ceasefire and re-launch the search for political solutions to this crisis," stated today Yavuz Mildon, President of the Council of Europe Congress of Local and Regional Authorities.

"I am convinced that the parties have not exhausted all possibilities for finding a political solution to this conflict in the framework of international law and existing legal instruments. The new Charter of Regional Democracy of the Congress, for example, could offer all parties useful pointers for reflection. But the urgency of the situation demands above all an immediate cessation of hostilities," said President Mildon.

Ossétie du Sud : le Président du Congrès Yavuz Mildon appelle à une cessation immédiate des combats

Strasbourg, 08.08.2008 – « J'appelle toutes les parties au conflit de l'Ossétie du Sud en Géorgie à instaurer immédiatement un cessez-le-feu et à chercher des solutions politiques à cette crise », a déclaré aujourd'hui Yavuz Mildon, Président du Congrès des pouvoirs locaux et régionaux du Conseil de l'Europe.

« Je suis convaincu que les parties n'ont pas épuisé toutes les pistes pour trouver une solution politique à ce conflit dans le cadre du droit international et des instruments juridiques existants. La nouvelle Charte de la démocratie régionale du Congrès, par exemple, pourrait offrir des pistes de réflexion utiles à toutes les parties. Mais l'urgence commande d'abord une cessation immédiate des combats. »

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.

President of the Congress : Yavuz Mildon (Turkey, EPP/CD), President of the Chamber of Regions: Ludmila Sfirloaga (Romania, SOC),

President of the Chamber of Local Authorities : Ian Micallef (Malta, EPP/CD).

Political Groups : Socialist Group (**SOC**), Group of the European People's Party – Christian Democrats (**EPP/CD**),

Independent and Liberal Democrat Group (**ILDG**).