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The Secretary General of the Council of Europe welcomes the start of official talks on the reunification of Cyprus

Strasbourg, 04.09.2008 - "The opening of full-fledged negotiations about the reunification of Cyprus is an event that nobody would have dared to predict a few months ago" said Terry Davis, the Secretary General of the Council of Europe, in a statement today. "This is a chance for both leaders to leave their mark in the history books. It is also a chance for Cyprus to send a much needed message to the world. The message is that long-standing conflicts can be settled peacefully through good-will and perseverance. But most of all, it is an opportunity for the people of Cyprus to build a better future together. The support of the international community for this negotiation process could not be clearer. The Council of Europe is ready to support this process on the basis of our expertise and experience, and we hope to see the first specific results very soon".

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