

# Press Release

**Council of Europe Press Division**

**Ref: 618a08**

**Tel: +33 (0)3 88 41 25 60**

**Fax: +33 (0)3 88 41 39 11**

**[pressunit@coe.int](mailto:pressunit@coe.int)**

**internet: [www.coe.int/press](http://www.coe.int/press)**



47 members

Albania  
Andorra  
Armenia  
Austria  
Azerbaijan  
Belgium  
Bosnia and Herzegovina  
Bulgaria  
Croatia  
Cyprus  
Czech Republic  
Denmark  
Estonia  
Finland  
France  
Georgia  
Germany  
Greece  
Hungary  
Iceland  
Ireland  
Italy  
Latvia  
Liechtenstein  
Lithuania  
Luxembourg  
Malta  
Moldova  
Monaco  
Montenegro  
Netherlands  
Norway  
Poland  
Portugal  
Romania  
Russia  
San Marino  
Serbia  
Slovakia  
Slovenia  
Spain  
Sweden  
Switzerland  
"the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"  
Turkey  
Ukraine  
United Kingdom

## **A step in the right direction in Georgia says Council of Europe Secretary General Terry Davis**

Strasbourg, 09.09.2008 - "The new agreement on the withdrawal of Russian forces to pre-7 August positions brokered by French President Nicolas Sarkozy in the name of the EU Presidency is a step in the right direction. It is now essential to continue searching for a comprehensive and lasting political solution for Abkhazia and South Ossetia in full compliance with international law. For the Council of Europe, it is also important to prevent the creation of new grey zones in Europe, in which the rights protected by the European Convention on Human Rights and other Council of Europe treaties are not effectively respected, monitored and enforced."

To receive our press releases by e-mail, contact : [Council.of.Europe.Press@coe.int](mailto:Council.of.Europe.Press@coe.int)

**A political organisation set up in 1949, the Council of Europe works to promote democracy and human rights continent-wide. It also develops common responses to social, cultural and legal challenges in its 47 member states.**