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The Black Sea Euroregion will contribute to the dismantling of the existing dividing lines in Europe

Statement by Terry Davis, Secretary General of the Council of Europe

Strasbourg, 25.09.2008 - Water has always been a means of communication and contact. Throughout history, it has brought people together, sometimes to trade, sometimes to wage war.

The Black Sea region is a huge common challenge in environmental, economic and strategic terms, but it is also a common opportunity. Closer cross-border co-operation is the key to meeting those challenges and opportunities and the launch of the Black Sea Euroregion will provide that platform. It will help in the reinforcement of regional cooperation in order to protect natural resources, strengthen social cohesion through joint projects in agriculture, fisheries, tourism and transport, and provide a platform for cultural cooperation and exchange.

L'eurorégion de la mer Noire contribuera à la suppression des clivages en Europe

Déclaration de Terry Davis, Secrétaire Général du Conseil de l'Europe

Strasbourg, 25.09.2008 – La mer a toujours facilité les communications et les contacts. Elle a, tout au long de l'histoire, permis aux populations de se rencontrer, parfois de commercer, voire de faire la guerre.

La région de la mer Noire constitue un défi majeur pour tous du point de vue environnemental, économique et stratégique, mais elle offre aussi de formidables perspectives. Une coopération transfrontière plus étroite est essentielle pour relever ce défi et tirer parti des possibilités qui existent. L'eurorégion de la mer Noire sera ce tremplin. Elle permettra de renforcer la coopération régionale pour protéger les ressources naturelles, renforcer la cohésion sociale par des projets communs dans les secteurs de l'agriculture, de la pêche, du tourisme et du transport et servira de cadre à la coopération et aux échanges culturels.

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