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Secretary General reacts to the death of Patriarch Alexiy II

Strasbourg, 05.12.2008 – The Council of Europe Secretary General, Terry Davis, has expressed his deep sadness following the death of Patriarch Alexiy II, the head of Russian Orthodox Church.

"I wish to pay tribute to Patriarch Alexiy II for his important contribution to the inter-confessional dialogue. He will also be remembered for the key role he played during the delicate period of transition in his country after the collapse of the Soviet Union" he said.

Terry Davis offered his deep sympathy and condolences to the government and people of Russia and to the followers of the Russian Orthodox Church across the world.

Réaction du Secrétaire Général au décès du Patriarche Alexis II

Strasbourg, 05.12.2008 – Le Secrétaire Général du Conseil de l'Europe, Terry Davis, a fait part de sa profonde tristesse à l'annonce du décès du Patriarche Alexis II, chef de l'Eglise orthodoxe russe.

« Je tiens à rendre hommage au Patriarche Alexis II pour son importante contribution au dialogue interconfessionnel. Il restera aussi dans les mémoires pour le rôle majeur qu'il a joué dans son pays pendant la délicate période de transition qui a suivi l'effondrement de l'Union soviétique » a-t-il déclaré.

Terry Davis a présenté ses condoléances au gouvernement et au peuple russes, ainsi qu'aux fidèles de l'Eglise orthodoxe russe dans le monde.

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