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Council of Europe Secretary General reacts to the death of Ibrahim Rugova

Strasbourg, 21.01.2006 - "On behalf of the Council of Europe I should like to express my sincere condolences to the people of Kosovo, who have lost a historic leader," said Terry Davis, Secretary General of the Council of Europe.

"Ibrahim Rugova was a politician who believed in peace, and was ready to take risks for it. He died on the eve of the opening of the talks on the future of Kosovo which should lead to a just, peaceful and democratic solution for Kosovo and bring stability and prosperity to all its citizens. I could not think of a more appropriate way to pay tribute to President Rugova," concluded the Secretary General.

Le Secrétaire Général du Conseil de l'Europe réagit à l'annonce du décès de Ibrahim Rugova

Strasbourg, 21.01.2006 – « Au nom du Conseil de l'Europe, j'aimerais présenter au peuple du Kosovo, qui vient de perdre un leader historique, mes sincères condoléances », a déclaré Terry Davis, Secrétaire Général du Conseil de l'Europe.

« Ibrahim Rugova était un homme politique qui croyait en la paix, et il était prêt à prendre des risques pour elle. Il est mort alors que vont s'ouvrir des discussions sur l'avenir du Kosovo qui devraient mener à une solution juste, pacifique et démocratique pour le Kosovo et apporter la stabilité et la prospérité à tous les citoyens. On ne pouvait rendre de meilleur hommage au Président Rugova », a conclu le Secrétaire Général.

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