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## Council of Europe Secretary General Terry Davis on the new lustration law in Albania

Strasbourg, 23.12.2008, "The new lustration law seems to have been pushed through the Albanian parliament in haste. This did not leave enough time to its supporters to explain why such a law is necessary almost two decades after the fall of the communist regime. The time factor alone is a ground for concern that the law will cause more injustice than it will repair. As for the content of the law I will make my position clear when the Council of Europe experts have had time to analyse the text."

## Le Secrétaire Général du Conseil de l'Europe Terry Davis commente la nouvelle loi de lustration de l'Albanie

Strasbourg, 23.12.2008, « La nouvelle loi de lustration semble avoir été adoptée par le Parlement albanais de façon hâtive, ne laissant pas à ses défenseurs suffisamment de temps pour expliquer en quoi une telle loi est nécessaire près de vingt ans après la chute du régime communiste. Cette gestion du temps peut, à elle seule, laisser craindre que la loi créera davantage d'injustice qu'elle n'en réparera. Pour ce qui est du contenu de la loi, j'exprimerai ma position lorsque les experts du Conseil de l'Europe auront eu le temps d'étudier le texte. »

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