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## Situation following elections in Moldova

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

Strasbourg, 07.04.2009 - I am concerned about reported violence during the protests against the election results in Chisinau. This is not acceptable and I call on everyone to show restraint. Council of Europe and other international observers noted several shortcomings which will have to be improved before the next elections, but they did not challenge the overall results. Some people may not be happy with the outcome, but accepting defeat is a part of the democratic process. As to any specific allegations of electoral irregularities, these should be dealt with in the court not in the street.

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