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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.

### Situation après les élections en Moldova

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

Strasbourg, 07.04.2009 – Je suis préoccupé par les actes de violence qui se seraient produits lors des manifestations contre les résultats des élections à Chisinau. Cela n'est pas acceptable et je demande à chacun de faire preuve de retenue. Le Conseil de l'Europe et d'autres observateurs internationaux ont relevé plusieurs insuffisances auxquelles il faudra remédier avant les prochaines élections, mais elles ne remettent absolument pas en cause le résultat global des élections. Certains ne sont peut-être pas satisfaits du résultat mais accepter la défaite fait partie du processus démocratique. Quant aux allégations spécifiques d'irrégularités électorales, c'est dans le cadre d'instances judiciaires et non dans la rue qu'elles doivent être traitées.

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