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Secretary General Terry Davis reacts to terrorist attack in Spain

Strasbourg, 19.09.2009 - I condemn the terrorist attack which killed a policeman today in Bilbao. I send sympathy to his family and colleagues.

I have great admiration for police officers serving the people in the Basque region of Spain. They put their lives at risk to protect their fellow citizens. They deserve the respect and admiration of everyone in Europe as do their colleagues in other countries where there is a terrorist threat.