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From rhetoric to terrorism

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

Strasbourg, 14.08.2009 - A week ago, many international organisations expressed concern that the rhetoric employed by politicians in Georgia and Russia might lead to renewed violence on the anniversary of the war between these countries. I am relieved that the anniversary has passed without the escalation which worried us, but we must condemn the explosions in Abkhazia in recent days. At least two people have been killed, and several Russian tourists are reported to have been injured as a result of these explosions. These tragic events can only be described as terrorism, and it is time for everyone in the South Caucasus to recognise that terrorism is a crime and totally unacceptable in today's Europe.

Des paroles au terrorisme

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

Strasbourg, 14.08.2009 – Il y a une semaine, de nombreuses organisations internationales ont exprimé leur crainte que les propos tenus par les responsables politiques de Géorgie et de Russie ne fassent ressurgir les violences à l'occasion du premier anniversaire de la guerre entre ces deux pays. Je suis soulagé que cette date soit passée sans déclencher l'escalade que nous redoutions, mais nous devons condamner les explosions qui ont eu lieu en Abkhazie ces derniers jours. Deux personnes au moins ont été tuées, et plusieurs touristes russes auraient été blessés. Ces événements tragiques ne peuvent être qualifiés autrement que comme des actes terroristes, et il est temps que chacun, dans la région du Sud-Caucase, comprenne que le terrorisme est un crime et qu'il est absolument inacceptable dans l'Europe d'aujourd'hui.

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