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Call for immediate release of teenagers in South Ossetia, Georgia

Statement by Secretary General of the Council of Europe, Thorbjørn Jagland and Chairman of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, Samuel Žbogar

Strasbourg, 16.11.2009 - "We are deeply concerned about the prolonged detention of teenagers by the *de facto* authorities of South Ossetia. Nowhere in Europe should teenagers be detained as a result of political and security issues.

As Secretary General and Chairman of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, we call for their immediate release".

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