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### Tragic death of Polish President

#### ***Declaration by the Chairperson of the Committee of Ministers, Micheline Calmy-Rey***

Strasbourg, 11.04.2010 - The Chair of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, Micheline Calmy-Rey, Head of Switzerland's Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, addresses a message of condolences and solidarity following the crash plane which plunge Poland into mourning :

"I am profoundly shocked and saddened by the crash plane that cost the life of President Kaczynski, of several high officials of Poland, including Andrzej Kremer, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, and of members of their respective families. This tragedy plunges Poland as well as the whole of the Council of Europe into mourning. I would like, in my own name as well as in my capacity as Chair of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, to extend my condolences to the families and relatives of those who died. I would also like to address a message of solidarity to all Polish citizens in this tragic time".

### Décès tragique du Président polonais

#### ***Déclaration de la Présidente du Comité des Ministres, Micheline Calmy-Rey***

Strasbourg, 11.04.2010 - La Présidente du Comité des Ministres du Conseil de l'Europe, Micheline Calmy-Rey, cheffe du Département fédéral des affaires étrangères de la Suisse, adresse un message de condoléances et de soutien suite à l'accident d'avion qui endeuille la Pologne :

"Je suis profondément attristée et choquée par l'accident d'avion qui a coûté la vie du président Kaczynski, de plusieurs hauts responsables du pays, y compris d'Andrzej Kremer, vice-ministre des Affaires étrangères, ainsi que des membres de leurs familles respectives. Cette tragédie endeuille la Pologne mais également l'ensemble du Conseil de l'Europe. Je voudrais, en mon nom propre et en ma qualité de Présidente du Comité des Ministres du Conseil de l'Europe, adresser mes plus sincères condoléances aux familles et aux proches des victimes. Je voudrais également adresser un message de solidarité à tous les citoyens polonais dans cette pénible épreuve".

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