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Congress President Keith Whitmore expresses condolences to the families of the victims of violent PKK attack

Strasbourg, 20 October 2011. – "The Congress strongly condemns the violent attack perpetrated by the PKK which led to a large number of victims. No cause can be defended by terrorist acts. In fact, this attack undermines the basic foundations of our democratic society.", Keith Whitmore declared the day after the attack on the military outposts in Hakkari in Turkey. "On behalf of the Congress, I want to express our most sincere condolences to the families of the victims and the Turkish authorities."

Le Président du Congrès exprime ses condoléances aux familles des victimes de la violente attaque du PKK

Strasbourg, 20 October 2011. – "Le Congrès condamne avec force la violente attaque perpétrée par le PKK et qui a fait de nombreuses victimes. Aucune cause ne peut être défendue par des actes terroristes. Au contraire, cette attaque sape les fondements même de nos sociétés démocratiques," a déclaré Keith Whitmore au lendemain de l'attaque contre les installations militaires à Hakkari, en Turquie. "Au nom du Congrès, je tiens à exprimer nos sincères condoléances aux familles des victimes et aux autorités turques".

The Congress has two chambers, the Chamber of Local Authorities and the Chamber of Regions. It brings together 318 full and 318 substitute members representing more than 200 000 European territorial communities.
President of the Congress: Keith Whitmore (United Kingdom, ILDG), President of the Chamber of Regions: Herwig van Staa (Austria, EPP/CD), President of the Chamber of Local Authorities: Jean-Claude Frécon (France, SOC)
Political Groups: Socialist Group (SOC), Group of the European People's Party – Christian Democrats (EPP/CD), Independent and Liberal Democrat Group (ILDG).