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Jean-Claude Frécon, President of the Congress condemns the Donbas local elections of 2 November as being “useless and counterproductive”

Strasbourg 30 October 2014 – “I roundly condemn the holding of “elections” on 2 November in the two self-proclaimed republics of Luhansk and Donetsk, which will take place in total contradiction with the laws and the Constitution of Ukraine,” stated today Congress President Jean-Claude Frécon (France, SOC).

“These so-called elections have no democratic value whatsoever. They are not only useless; they are actually counterproductive to the fragile peace process that was initiated in Minsk.”

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.

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