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Judgment by the Turkish Constitutional Court concerning the AKP Party

Statement by Carl Bildt, Chairman of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe

Strasbourg, 30.07.2008 – "As Chairman-in-Office of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe I note with great satisfaction the decision taken by the Constitutional Court in not banning the ruling AKP.

The decision opens up for further reforms, ensuring Turkey's further progress in line with European norms of democratic governance, human rights and the rule of law. The Council of Europe stands ready to assist in this process.

I also invite the Turkish authorities to make use of the Council of Europe's expertise."

Jugement de la Cour constitutionnelle turque concernant le Parti AKP

Déclaration de Carl Bildt, Président du Comité des Ministres du Conseil de l'Europe

Strasbourg, 30.07.2008 – « En tant que Président en exercice du Comité des Ministres du Conseil de l'Europe, c'est avec grande satisfaction que je prends connaissance de la décision de la Cour constitutionnelle de ne pas interdire le parti gouvernemental AKP.

La décision ouvre la voie à d'autres réformes, garantissant la progression ultérieure de la Turquie conformément aux normes européennes de gouvernance démocratique, droits de l'homme et primauté du droit. Le Conseil de l'Europe se tient prêt à l'aider dans cette démarche.

J'invite également les autorités turques à faire usage de l'expertise du Conseil de l'Europe. »

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