

Council of Europe
The Secretary General

Strasbourg, 20 June 2017

Dear President,

I was deeply saddened to hear about the forest fires which struck several parts of Portugal, resulting in the tragic loss of so many human lives. I would like to extend, both personally and on behalf of the Council of Europe, my heartfelt condolences to those who have lost their loved ones, while wishing a speedy recovery to those injured.

We also applaud the spirit of bravery and professionalism of those Portuguese and other European firefighters, soldiers and many other members of the emergency services who continue their invaluable efforts in dealing with this terrible disaster.

In this tragic moment, the Council of Europe stands in solidarity with the people and Government of Portugal.

Yours sincerely



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