

Council of Europe
The Secretary General

Strasbourg, 14 May 2014

Dear Prime Minister,

It was with shock that I learned of the dramatic accident in a coal mine in Soma, causing the loss of so many lives. I extend my sincere sympathies to the families of the bereaved. I understand that intense rescue work continues and I hope that those workers who are still trapped will soon be successfully reunited with their families.

Please allow me also to wish all courage and strength both to those wounded in the accident for their recovery, and to the emergency services who are still fighting to save as many lives as possible.

I should be grateful if you would convey the condolences of the Council of Europe, through your good offices, to the victims' families and to the people of Turkey.

Yours sincerely,



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