

*Council of Europe*  
*The Secretary General*

Strasbourg, 6 February 2023

Dear President,

It was with great shock and sadness that I learned about the strong earthquakes which occurred last night and this afternoon in Türkiye, killing several hundred people and injuring many more.

Please allow me, on behalf of the Council of Europe, to express heartfelt condolences to all those who have been affected by this catastrophe.

Our thoughts are with the families of the victims and I wish those who have been injured courage and strength in their recovery. I also wish strength and courage to the rescue teams in their tireless efforts to save lives.

Yours sincerely,



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