

*Council of Europe*  
*The Secretary General*

Strasbourg, 24 August 2016

Dear Prime Minister,

I was concerned and saddened to hear about the serious earthquake which struck the centre of Italy last night.

I would like to extend, on behalf of the Council of Europe, my sincere condolences to those who lost loved ones or who suffered injuries as a result of this terrible tragedy.

I also wish to commend the emergency services for their invaluable efforts in dealing with the aftermath of this catastrophe.

Please be assured of our solidarity and support for the people of Italy in this moment of grief.

Yours sincerely,



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