

Council of Europe
The Secretary General

Strasbourg, 15 July 2021

Dear Chancellor,

It was with shock and sadness that I learned of the floods that hit the *Bundesländer* of Rhineland-Palatinate and North Rhine Westphalia, killing and injuring several dozen people and destroying the livelihoods of so many others.

Allow me to express on behalf of the Council of Europe my heartfelt condolences for the victims of this natural disaster. Our thoughts are with their families and loved ones. I would also like to express my sincere hope for a quick recovery of the regions affected by the catastrophe.

Yours sincerely,



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