## **Commemoration 7 October Attack**

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Speech by Theodoros Rousopoulos President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

It has been almost one year since the horrific acts of terror carried out by Hamas and other Palestinian Armed groups on 7 October.

Today, we gather in solemn remembrance of the victims of those brutal attacks and those still enduring captivity.

We reflect on the agony that this inexcusable act of terrorism introduced into the region, into our lives.

One year of unimaginable suffering.

One year of deep grief.

This Assembly stands united in its unequivocal condemnation of these atrocities and the abduction of innocent people.

It stands committed to a stable and durable peace in the region.

In the presence of the families of those taken, we renew our call for their immediate and unconditional release.

This living nightmare has lasted far too long.

It must end.