

Strasbourg, 31 October 2020

Dear President,

It was with shock and sadness that I learned of the strong earthquake on 30 October that hit the town and province of Izmir killing several people and injuring hundreds more.

Allow me to express on behalf of the Council of Europe both to you and the citizens of Izmir my heartfelt condolences for the victims of this catastrophe. Our thoughts are with their families and loved ones. I also wish those who have been wounded courage and strength in their recovery.

Yours sincerely,

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