

Council of Europe
The Secretary General

Strasbourg, 26 September 2023

Dear President,

It was with great sadness that I learned of the passing on 22 September of the former President of the Italian Republic, Mr Giorgio Napolitano.

A convinced European and fine statesman, Mr Napolitano will be remembered for his prominent political career. He played a leading role in Italy and Europe in the last decades and his integrity, strong sense of public service and ability to bridge political divisions will be missed.

I would like to offer you my sincere condolences, both personally and in my capacity as Secretary General of the Council of Europe, and I should be most grateful if you would also transmit my condolences to his family, the Italian people and authorities for their loss.

Yours sincerely,



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