

Strasbourg, 23 April 2024

Dear President,

It is with great sadness that I learned of the passing of Lithuania's former Prime Minister, Mr Gediminas Kirkilas.

Mr Kirkilas was one of Lithuania's longest-serving politicians, whose government between 2006 and 2008 serves as a vivid example of the strength of political dialogue crossing the party lines. He will be fondly remembered as a strong advocate of European solidarity, which remains a cornerstone value of the European integration project, even in the face of the most challenging of crises.

On behalf of the Council of Europe, I would like to convey my condolences to the family of Mr Kirkilas and to the people of Lithuania.

Yours sincerely,

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