

*Council of Europe*  
*The Secretary General*

Strasbourg, 15 May 2024

Dear Minister,

It is with shock and disbelief that I have learnt that Prime Minister Fico has been shot and wounded while attending an event in Handlova. Such acts of violence are unacceptable in our democratic societies.

On behalf of the Council of Europe, I would like to convey my sincere wishes for his full recovery to the Prime Minister. Our thoughts are with his family, the Slovak authorities and the people of Slovakia, in the wake of this brutal attack.

Yours sincerely,



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