

*Council of Europe*  
*The Secretary General*

Strasbourg, 6 June 2024

Dear President,

It is with great sadness that I have learnt of the passing of former Chancellor Brigitte Bierlein. She will always be remembered not only as the first woman in this role in the history of the Republic of Austria, but also for her constructive role in the political landscape. Indeed, while heading a transitional and technical government she succeeded during her mandate to lead the country in a calm and efficient way.

On behalf of the Council of Europe, I would like to convey my most sincere condolences to her family and to your compatriots.

Yours sincerely,



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