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Foreign Minister Signs Anti Terror Treaty

Davíð Oddsson, Foreign Minister of Iceland, attended a summit meeting of the Council of Europe in Warsaw Poland on the 16th and 17th of May 2005. During the summit Foreign minister Oddsson signed three new Council of Europe treaties; an anti terror treaty, a treaty aimed at the financing of terrorism and a treaty regarding actions to stop human trafficking. In his speech at the summit the Minister stated that “the unity of Europe is hinged on democracy, respect for human rights and the basic rules of a judicial state”. He also addressed the importance of the European Court of Human Rights. He highlighted the urgent need for its reform in the wake of the overwhelming number of cases that the court receives and that the court should focus primarily on the domain of fundamental human rights.

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