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Terrorism: Dick Marty questions fairness of UN Security Council and EU blacklists

Strasbourg, 09.11.2007 – Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly (PACE) rapporteur Dick Marty (Switzerland, ALDE) is to present a report on whether individuals and groups "blacklisted" by the UN Security Council and the European Union for their links to terrorism are treated in line with Council of Europe human rights standards.

The report is due to be discussed by the PACE Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights at a meeting in Paris on Monday 12 November 2007. The meeting is closed to the press, but the report will be made public if adopted.

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Mr Marty will give a press conference in the Council of Europe Paris Office (55, Avenue Kleber, metro Boissière) on Monday 12 November at 11 a.m.

On this occasion, there will also be video testimony from Youssef Nada, a 78-year-old Swiss-based Muslim businessman who has faced a UN-imposed travel ban and asset-freeze after being accused of funding the 9/11 terrorist attacks. A four-year enquiry by Swiss prosecutors failed to find evidence of any wrong-doing, and Mr Nada says he has been unfairly blacklisted.

The video, in professional quality, can be downloaded from the Council of Europe website from 12 November at: http://dl.coe.int.

Mr Marty's introductory memorandum (PDF)
Website of the UN Security Council's 1267 Committee