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European Public Prosecutors to discuss in Moscow the role of the Public Prosecutor in protecting individuals

Strasbourg, 26.06.2006 – Russian President Vladimir Putin (*) and Council of Europe Deputy Secretary General Maud de Boer-Buquicchio will address the opening session of a two-day conference in Moscow on 5 July which will bring together Prosecutors General from the 46 member states of the Council of Europe. The session will be chaired by Yuri Chaika, the newly appointed Prosecutor General of the Russian Federation.

The conference will be devoted to the role of Public Prosecutors in the protection of individuals, in particular their duties towards victims and witnesses – especially juveniles – and persons deprived of their liberty. Thomas Hammarberg, the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights, will also take part. It will be followed, on 6 July, by the first meeting of the Consultative Council of European Prosecutors (CCPE), a newly created advisory body to the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe

The press is invited to attend the **opening session from 9.30 a.m. to 10.45 a.m.** A **press conference** is scheduled on **Thursday 6 July at 11 a.m.** (President Hotel, Bolshaya Yakimanka 24).

For accreditation, journalists should contact the Office of the Prosecutor General of the Russian Federation, tel. (+ 7 495) 692 96 00.

Russia took over the Chairmanship of the Council of Europe Committee of Ministers in May 2006 for a six-month period.

For more information, see www.coe.int/prosecutors-moscow.

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