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## Council of Europe seminar series on trafficking in human beings continues 1-2 November in Oslo

Strasbourg, 27.10.2006 – The Council of Europe and the Norwegian government authorities are organising the fourth in a series of regional information and awareness raising seminars on human trafficking, to promote the signature and ratification of the [Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings](#).

Specialists from eight Council of Europe member states will attend the seminar to be held in Oslo, Norway, on 1-2 November.

The Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings and national anti-trafficking strategies will be presented by Council of Europe keynote speakers and participants from Belgium, Denmark, Ireland, Moldova, the Netherlands, Norway, the Russian Federation and the United Kingdom.

Officials with expertise in human rights and in criminal and prosecution matters and representatives of relevant national NGOs will contribute to the seminar's exchange of views on the Council of Europe Convention – the first European treaty to protect and promote the human rights of trafficking victims. The seminar aims to increase the number of ratifications and signatures of the Convention (to date, Austria, Moldova and Romania have ratified and 30 other states have signed).

A similar seminar was held in Rome (19-20 October) and the Oslo seminar will be followed by a seminar in Athens (5-6 December).

For further information, including conference location, please contact Hallvard Gorseth, Council of Europe administrator of anti-trafficking action (Tel. +33 3 88 41 32 65 or Mobile +33 6 63 47 80 15).

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