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Council of Europe action to combat trafficking in human beings: Regional conference in Athens on 5-6 December

Strasbourg, 29.11.2006 - In the framework of the anti-trafficking action of the Council of Europe, a regional conference on « Prevention, Protection and Prosecution » will take place in Athens on 5-6 December (Divani Caravel Hotel, 2 Vas. Alexandrou Avenue). This conference is the fifth in a series of regional information and awareness raising initiatives to promote the signature and ratification of the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings ([CETS No. 197](#)) (to date, Austria, Moldova and Romania have ratified and 31 other states have signed).

Organised by the Council of Europe (Directorate General of Human Rights, Equality Division), in co-operation with the Greek Ministry of Interior, Public Administration and Decentralisation (General Secretariat for Gender Equality) and under the auspices of the Inter-Ministerial Committee against Trafficking in Human Beings of Greece, this event will bring together Council of Europe speakers, national officials with expertise in human rights, as well as NGO representatives.

The conference will provide an opportunity for the participants to exchange ideas and to discuss joint ways of combating human trafficking and examining different methods of stopping this modern form of slavery.

Further information on: <http://www.coe.int/trafficking>

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