

Follow-up to the Warsaw Summit on the agenda of the Council of Europe Ministers

Strasbourg, 07.05.2007 – The Council of Europe Committee of (Foreign) Ministers will hold its 117th session on Friday 11 May in Strasbourg.

Just before the session, they will have welcomed the 47th member State of the Organisation: the accession ceremony of the Republic of Montenegro will take place on 11 May at 9 am, in the presence of Milan Rocen, Foreign Minister.

Under the chairmanship of San Marino's Foreign Minister Fiorenzo Stolfi, the Ministers will review the implementation of the decisions taken at the Warsaw Summit de Varsovie (May 2005), in particular:

1. Relations between the Council of Europe and the European Union :
 - signature of the Memorandum of understanding between the two organisations, constituting a new framework of enhanced cooperation,
 - follow-up to the recommendations of the report by Jean-Claude Juncker,
 - cooperation between the Council of Europe and the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights.
2. Consolidation of the Council of Europe system of human rights protection,
3. Follow-up given to other priorities resulting from the Warsaw Summit :
 - development of intercultural dialogue,
 - internal reform process of the Council of Europe.

At the closing of the session, Serbia will take over the presidency of the Committee of Ministers from San Marino, for a period of six months. Vuk Draskovic, Serbian Foreign Minister, will present the priorities of his presidency at the end of the discussions.

Press conferences

(Room1, Palais de l'Europe, 2nd Floor)

- **Friday 11 May at 3pm : Fiorenzo Stolfi**, San Marino Foreign Minister and **Terry Davis**, Council of Europe Secretary General,
- **Friday 11 May at 3.30pm : Vuk Draskovic**, Serbian Foreign Minister and **Terry Davis**, Council of Europe Secretary General.

Operational Information

- Dinner for the Ministers at the Secretary General's Residence, rue Joseph Massol, Thursday 10 May at 8.15pm.
- Group Photo : 10 May at 8.20pm.
- The meeting is closed to the press. Photographers and camera crews are allowed to film the first few minutes of the session on 11 May at 9.45 and at the end, during the ceremony to hand over the presidency, at about 1pm (Committee of Ministers meeting room, Palais de l'Europe, 2nd Floor).

For more information, please visit : http://www.coe.int/t/dc/files/presidences-sessions-cm/sessions/may_2007/default_EN.asp

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