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## 1000th meeting of the Council of Europe Ministers' Deputies in Belgrade on 22 June

Strasbourg, 14.06.2007 – The Ministers' Deputies of the 47 member states of the Council of Europe – the organisation's executive organ – will hold their 1000<sup>th</sup> meeting in Belgrade on 22 June in the Serbian Palace *Bulevar Mihajla Pupina 2*.

The meeting will start at 10am with speeches from Vuk Jeremic, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia and Chairman of the Council of Europe's Committee of Ministers, Terry Davis, Secretary General of the Council of Europe, and Boris Tadic, President of the Republic of Serbia.

Under the chairmanship of Ambassador S. Prica, Permanent Representative of Serbia to the Council of Europe, the Deputies will hold an exchange of views on the state of democracy in Europe and the role of the organisation. The debate will be introduced by Thomas Hammarberg, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights, and the Swiss parliamentarian Andreas Gross. The Deputies are also due to adopt a declaration recalling the Council of Europe's main lines of action.

In the afternoon, discussions will focus on "The South East European cooperation process – Regional Cooperation Council", with exchanges of views taking place in two groups: one consisting of youth and students, the other of civil society representatives.

### Please note :

- Group photo at 12.20
- Press conference at 12.30

Details to follow.

### Some figures:

#### 1000 meetings of the Ministers' Deputies and

- 200 Conventions
- 580 Recommendations
- 7 779 Resolutions
- 110 Declarations
- 3 208 meeting days
- 112 Presidents
- 11 Secretaries of the Committee of Ministers

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