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## Commissioner Hammarberg to discuss human rights with UK national authorities

Strasbourg, 31.01.2008 - The Council of Europe's Commissioner for Human Rights, Thomas Hammarberg, will discuss the human rights situation in the UK with British authorities and non governmental organisations (NGOs) during a four-day visit to London starting on Tuesday 5 February. Discussions will focus on counter-terrorism, immigration and children's rights in particular.

During the visit, the Commissioner will meet several ministers (including the Minister for Human Rights), parliamentarians and ombudsmen as well as members of the newly-established Equalities and Human Rights Commission.

Mr Hammarberg will also meet NGO representatives and is due to speak at the conference on "Human Rights in the International Arena: Means of Protection and Prevention", organised by the British Institute of International and Comparative Law (Charles Clore House 17 Russell Square London WC1B 5JP) on Thursday 7 February.

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