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Stockholm conference to set priorities for pan-European children's rights programme

Strasbourg, 02.09.2008 – Her Majesty Queen Silvia of Sweden and Council of Europe Deputy Secretary General Maud de Boer-Buquicchio will speak at the official opening of a conference organised by the Council of Europe and the Swedish Government in Stockholm on 8-10 September.

The conference will notably address the issues of violence against children, child-friendly justice and child participation. It will also discuss the Council of Europe strategy on children's rights for the years 2009-2011.

The event, which is open to the press, will start at 09.30 at the Clarion Hotel Sign (Östra Järnvägsgatan 35, Stockholm).

A press conference will be held at 10.45am on 9 September.

Speakers at the conference will also include Goran Hagglund, Swedish Minister of Health and Social Affairs, Beatrice Ask, Swedish Minister for Justice and Thomas Hammarberg, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights.

Three seminars will be held on the first day followed by high-level plenary sessions on days two and three.

The conference will also bring together some 300 representatives from governments, international organisations and institutions, NGOs and professional networks, parliamentarians, local authorities, ombudspersons, judges and children's advocates as well as young people.

The conference, entitled "Building a Europe for and with children – Towards a Strategy for 2009-2011", is organised in the framework of the Swedish chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers (May - November 2008) and with the support of the Nordic Council of Ministers.

For more information on the conference, please visit <http://www.coe.int/children>

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