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ECRI round table to discuss the fight against racism and intolerance in Russia

Strasbourg, 19.09.2008 – Members of the Council of Europe's European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI), Russian government officials and representatives of judicial institutions, researchers, academics and representatives of NGOs will meet at a round table in **Moscow** on **23 September 2008** to discuss the challenges of the fight against racism and intolerance in the Russian Federation.

The round table will review the recommendations contained in ECRI's third report on the Russian Federation, and discuss racism, xenophobia, antisemitism and intolerance in public discourse and in the public sphere; the problem of racist violence; and the legislative and institutional framework for combating racism.

Eva Smith Asmussen, Chair of ECRI, and Ella Pamfilova, Chairperson of the Civil Society Institutions and Human Rights Council under the President of the Russian Federation, will open the round table. The event will take place at the Conference Hall of the International Federation for Peace and Reconciliation (Moscow, Prospect Mira, 36), from 9.30 until 17.30, and is open to the press.

ECRI is an independent human rights body of the Council of Europe which monitors problems of racism and intolerance, prepares reports and issues recommendations to member states.

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