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## End of the Swedish Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers: tangible results

Strasbourg, 27.11.2008 – The six-month Swedish Chairmanship of the Council of Europe Committee of Ministers came to an end today at a special meeting in Strasbourg.

Under the joint chairmanship of Carl Bildt, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Sweden, and Miguel Angel Moratinos, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Spain, who is taking over from him, the Ministers' Deputies of the 47 member states took a number of specific decisions as a result of Sweden's active Chairmanship.

### The Deputies:

- adopted the [Priorities for future action in co-operation with the European Union](#), in anticipation of an overall assessment of relations between the two organisations that was to be presented at the 119th ministerial session in Madrid on 12 May 2009;
- took note of a study entitled "[The Council of Europe and the Rule of Law - An Overview](#)" and decided to publish it;
- adopted the [2009-2011 Strategy for "Building a Europe for and with children"](#), took note of the relevant programme of activities and invited member states to appoint a national contact for children's rights with whom the Council could co-operate;
- adopted the [Council of Europe Convention on Access to Official Documents](#), while taking note of the Opinion of the Parliamentary Assembly on the subject;
- adopted the [Declaration by the Committee of Ministers on the Code of Good Practice on Referendums](#).

### [Report on the Swedish Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers](#)

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