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Final Report of Alvaro Gil-Robles, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights

Strasbourg, 29.03.2006 – The first Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights, Alvaro Gil-Robles will present a Final Report on his six years in office today.

The report analyses the challenges faced in establishing the new institution, the direction given to it and its potential for future development. It concludes with an assessment of the human rights situation in Europe and a warning against the lowering of standards in the fight against terrorism. The Commissioner insists on the need for greater efforts to combat discrimination and integrate national minorities and immigrant communities. Greater efforts are also called for to end Europe's continuing and frozen conflicts.

The report will be presented to the Committee of Ministers, transmitted to the Parliamentary Assembly and made public at 3 pm, in English and French, on the website of the Commissioner for Human Rights, www.commissioner.coe.int.

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Note for editors :

Alvaro Gil-Robles was elected the first Commissioner for Human Rights in September 1999. His term of office will come to an end on 31st March 2006. Thomas Hammarberg, former Secretary General of Amnesty International, the Olof Palme Foundation and Save the Children Sweden, will take up office on 3rd April 2006.

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