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Secretary General Thorbjørn Jagland in London and Berlin to discuss Organisation's future political role in Europe

Dates: 18 and 19 January 2010

Location: London and Berlin

Description: The Secretary General of the Council of Europe, Thorbjørn Jagland, will carry out official visits to the United Kingdom and Germany on 18 and 19 January, respectively, to discuss his reform plan for strengthening the political role of the Organisation in the European political architecture.

In London Thorbjørn Jagland will meet David Miliband, Secretary of State for Foreign & Commonwealth Affairs, Chris Bryant, Minister for Europe, Lord Bach, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State of the Ministry of Justice, and Anwar Choudhury, Director of International Institutions. He will speak on the future political structure of Europe and the relevance of the Council of Europe during a lunchtime meeting at Chatham House.

In the afternoon, he will hold a meeting with Rosie Winterton, Minister for Local Government.

In Berlin the Secretary General will meet with Guido Westerwelle, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Germany, and will have a working lunch with Sabine Leutheusser-Schnarrenberger, Federal Minister of Justice. In the afternoon he will hold a meeting with Ronald Pofalla, Head of the Federal Chancellery and Federal Minister for Special Tasks. He will also address the German Council on Foreign Relations.

During his visits he will meet members of the delegations of United Kingdom and Germany to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe.

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