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## Thorbjørn Jagland meets United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-moon in New York

Dates: 18-21 September 2010

Location: New York City, United Nations Headquarters

**News:** Council of Europe Secretary General Thorbjørn Jagland will meet Ban Ki-moon in New York on Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. The next day, together with several world leaders, Jagland will attend the 65<sup>th</sup> session of the UN General Assembly – High-level Plenary Meeting on accelerating progress towards the achievement of <u>Millennium Development Goals</u> by 2015: an international effort to halve extreme poverty, hunger, disease, maternal and child deaths.

**International Peace Institute**: Council of Europe Secretary General Jagland will join a Middle East debate at the <u>International Peace Institute</u> (IPI) co-hosted by the Government of Spain on September 19<sup>th</sup>. Following the "Oslo Peace Process", Jagland has been one of the five members of the so-called fact-finding committee "Mitchell Commission" in 2000.

**Secretary General Bilateral meetings:** During his visit, Council of Europe Secretary General Jagland will have bilateral meetings with Danilo Türk, President of Slovenia; Boris Tadic, President of Serbia; Sali Berisha, Prime Minister of Albania; Haris Silajdzic, President of Bosnia and Herzegovina; and Grigol Vashadze, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Georgia.

**Meeting Bill Clinton**: Thorbjørn Jagland will also participate in the Annual Meeting of the <u>Clinton Global Initiative</u> (CGI): a co-operation philanthropy platform between governments, private sector and NGOs to promote a more integrated global community of shared benefits, responsibilities, and values.

Thorbjørn Jagland has been elected on 29 September 2009 Secretary General of the Council of Europe for a five-year term. He is former Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Norway and currently chairing the Norwegian Nobel Peace Prize Committee.

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