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International conference on children's rights and protection against violence

Date: 6 and 7 October 2009

Venue: Ljubljana, National Assembly of the Republic of Slovenia – Large Hall

Organisers: Slovenian Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, the National Assembly of Slovenia, the Human Rights Ombudsman and the Slovenian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Description: Under the honorary patronage of the Slovenian President Danilo Türk, the conference will focus on three topics: education on the rights of the child; the right to protection against violence; and the activities of the Council of Europe and the Government of the Republic of Slovenia in these areas.

The President of the Slovenian National Assembly Pavel Gantar, the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights Thomas Hammarberg, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Slovenia Samuel Žbogar and the Slovene Human Rights Ombudsman Zdenka Čebašek Travnik will address the participants at the opening ceremony.

Opening statement by the representative of children, who are equally involved in almost every conference session, will be delivered by Lea Bijol, student of the Ljubljana School for the Deaf.

Link to the Programme

Link to the Background papers

Practical information:

- The Conference is **open to the media** and will be broadcast **live** the parliamentary channel of TV Slovenia and on the website of the <u>National Assembly</u>.
- The opening session will begin at 09:30.
- During the conference, the participants will have the opportunity to see the 'Our Rights' exhibition, exhibition of the Council of Europe 'Europe is MORE than you think' and an 'information market', where several Slovenian NGOs and government agencies will present their work in the field of children's rights and human rights education.

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