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New Council of Europe Secretary General to address Congress Plenary Session

Date: Tuesday 13 October, 2.30 pm

Place: Council of Europe Assembly Chamber, Strasbourg

Description: Thorbjørn Jagland, the newly elected Secretary General of the Council of Europe, will address the Congress, an assembly of local and regional representatives from 47 member states, gathered in Strasbourg this week.

Mr Jagland will focus on the role of the Congress as watchdog for territorial democracy in Europe. He will present his view of Congress contribution to the Council of Europe's major fields of activities; democracy, rule of law and human rights.

During his political career in Norway, Thorbjørn Jagland has had first-hand experience in local authorities, as a member of the Buskerud County Council.

The Secretary General's speech will be live broadcast at <http://tv.coe.int/webcast>.

A video will be available at www.coe.int/congress-session at least two hours after the end of his speech.

Le nouveau Secrétaire Général du Conseil de l'Europe interviendra lors de la Session plénière du Congrès

Date : Mardi 13 octobre, 14h30

Lieu : Hémicycle du Conseil de l'Europe, Strasbourg

Description : Thorbjørn Jagland, Secrétaire Général nouvellement élu du Conseil de l'Europe, interviendra devant le Congrès, assemblée d'élus locaux et régionaux des 47 Etats membres, qui se réunit à Strasbourg cette semaine.

M. Jagland évoquera le rôle du Congrès en tant que gardien de la démocratie territoriale en Europe, et présentera sa vision de la place du Congrès dans les grands domaines d'activité du Conseil de l'Europe, qui sont la démocratie, la prééminence du droit et les droits de l'homme.

Durant sa carrière politique en Norvège, Thorbjørn Jagland a fait l'expérience directe de la démocratie locale, en tant que membre du Conseil du comté de Buskerud.

L'allocation du Secrétaire Général sera retransmise en direct sur <http://tv.coe.int/webcast>

Une vidéo sera disponible sous le lien www.coe.int/congress-session deux heures au moins après la fin de l'allocation.

The Congress has two chambers, the Chamber of Local Authorities and the Chamber of Regions.

It brings together 318 full and 318 substitute members representing more than 200 000 European territorial communities.

President of the Congress: Yavuz Milden (Turkey, EPP/CD), President of the Chamber of Regions: Ludmila Sfirloaga (Romania, SOC),

President of the Chamber of Local Authorities: Ian Micallef (Malta, EPP/CD).

Political Groups: Socialist Group (SOC), Group of the European People's Party – Christian Democrats (EPP/CD),

Independent and Liberal Democrat Group (ILDG).