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Strasbourg, 28.10.2009

Conference on the prevention of torture in Europe

Date: 6 November 2009

Venue: Strasbourg (Council of Europe Agora Building, Room G-3)

Organised by: Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT) of the Council of Europe and the Association for the Prevention of Torture (APT)

Description: The "Conference on new partnerships for the torture prevention in Europe" will examine how the existing national, European and universal monitoring bodies can best complement each other in the fight against torture and ill treatment in places of detention in Europe today.

The conference will be opened at 9.15 by Council of Europe Deputy Secretary General Maud de Boer-Buquicchio, Human Rights Commissioner Thomas Hammarberg, Mauro Palma, president of the CPT, and Victor Rodríguez Rescia, President of the United Nations Subcommittee for the Prevention of Torture (SPT).

The conference marks the 20th anniversary of the CPT and is part of the process of taking stock of its work over the past two decades. In its recently published [19th General Report](#), the CPT analysed its achievements and challenges for the future.

Practical information:

The conference is open to the press. Accreditation requests may be sent to the contacts below. There will be a **press briefing** with Mauro Palma, president of the CPT, at 10.30 in room G-6, Agora building.

[Link to the programme](#)

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