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Stockholm to host Council of Europe conference on children's rights

Strasbourg, 26.08.2008 – “Building a Europe for and with children – Towards a Strategy for 2009-2011” is the title of a joint conference by the Council of Europe and the Swedish Government, to be held in Stockholm from 8 to 10 September.

The conference will assess progress made since the launching of the Council of Europe programme “Building a Europe for and with children” and discuss possible elements for the programme strategy during 2009-2011.

Three seminars will be held on the first day followed by high-level plenary sessions on days two and three. The issues of violence against children, child-friendly justice and child participation will be the main focus of the conference.

The conference will bring together some 300 representatives from governments, international organisations and institutions, NGOs and professional networks, parliamentarians, local authorities, ombudspersons, judges and children's advocates as well as young people.

The event is organised in the framework of the Swedish chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers (May - November 2008) and with the support of the Nordic Council of Ministers.

The conference, which is open to the press, will start at 09.30 at the Clarion Hotel Sign (Östra Järnvägsgatan 35, Stockholm).

A press conference will be held at 10.45am on 9 September.

For more information on the conference, please visit: <http://www.coe.int/children>

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