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Intercultural dialogue and the fight against discrimination: Italy and Rome join forces with the Council of Europe

Strasbourg, 09.01.2009 - To mark the publication in Italian of the "White Paper on Intercultural Dialogue", a **press conference** will be held on **Thursday 15 January at 11 am** in the **Camera dei Deputati** (Chamber of Deputies) in **Rome** with:

- **Luigi Vitali**, Italian parliamentarian and Vice-President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe,
- **Sandro Bondi**, Minister for Culture,
- **Gianni Alemanno**, Mayor of Rome,
- **Gherardo La Francesca**, Director General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
- **Gabriella Battaini Dragoni**, Co-ordinator for the Intercultural Dialogue, Director General of Education, Culture and Heritage, Youth and Sport at the Council of Europe

The White Paper on Intercultural Dialogue, entitled "Living Together As Equals in Dignity", was adopted by the Council of Europe Committee of Ministers on 7 May 2008, after a wide-ranging consultation process involving the governments of the Organisation's 47 member states.

It was translated into Italian and produced by the Italian Ministry of Culture in conjunction with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

[More information about intercultural dialogue](#)
[White Paper "Living Together as Equals in Dignity"](#)

Lilian Thuram, President of the "Education against Racism" Foundation, will also be present at the press conference when the Council of Europe Campaign "Speak out against discrimination" is discussed.

As a follow-up to the White Paper and the Campaign, 1,200 posters will be displayed in the streets of Rome for several days. The poster campaign is supported by the Municipality of Rome, which, in addition to providing the spaces free of charge, funded the printing of the posters.

[More information about the Campaign](#)

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