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## Secretary General Thorbjørn Jagland meets new European Union Commissioners Reding and Malmström

**Dates:** 15-16 February 2010

**Location:** Brussels

**Description:** The Council of Europe Secretary General, Thorbjørn Jagland, will meet the new Commissioners Viviane Reding (Vice-President, Commissioner for Justice, Fundamental Rights and Citizenship), and Cecilia Malmström (Commissioner for Home Affairs). The meetings will focus on the future accession of the European Union to the European Convention on Human Rights, after the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty.

The Secretary General will be the key-note speaker at the [European Policy Centre](#) (EPC) Policy Briefing "Strengthening human rights across Europe" on Tuesday, 16 February, 9.00-10.15 (Registration at 8.45) at International Press Centre (IPC) Résidence Palace (Polak Room), 155 Rue de la Loi, 1040 Brussels.

Finally, the Secretary General will pay an informal visit to NATO Secretary General Anders Fogh Rasmussen.

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