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Secretary General in Geneva to meet with UN high officials and attend meeting with OSCE

Date: 5 March 2010

Location: Geneva

Description: The Council of Europe Secretary General, Thorbjørn Jagland, will meet with Navanethem Pillay, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, and Sergei Ordzhonikidze, Director General of the UN Office at Geneva, to discuss the protection of human rights in Europe and cooperation between both organisations, and to introduce his newly appointed Special Representative in Geneva, Ambassador Jean-François Kammer.

This function has been created during the Swiss Chairmanship of the Council of Europe Committee of Ministers and within the framework of the Secretary General's reform process with the aim of strengthening cooperation with UN bodies based in Geneva.

The Secretary General will also meet with Marc Perrin de Brichambaut, Secretary General of the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), and attend the joint Council of Europe-OSCE high level "2+2" meeting at the International Conference Centre.

Finally, he will meet with Kanat Saudabayev, Secretary of State and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan, who will hand over the letter of accession of his country to the <u>Council of Europe Cultural Convention</u>.

For further information, please consult the <u>Secretary General's website</u>.

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