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## **Congress Vice-President pays official visit to San Marino**

Strasbourg, 25 April 2012 - San Marino is, together with Monaco, one of the last two member states of the Council of Europe that has not yet signed the European Charter for Local Self-Government.

The President of the Chamber of Local Authorities of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe, Mr Jean-Claude Frécon (France, SOC), will pay an official visit to San Marino on 26 April to discuss opportunities for future co-operation and, in particular, the possible signature of the Charter by San Marino.

During the visit, Mr Frécon will meet Ms Antonella Mularoni, Foreign Minister of San Marino, and Mr Augusto Casali, Secretary of State for Relations with Township Councils. A meeting with the Captains Regent Mr Maurizio Rattini and Mr Italo Righi is also scheduled at the Palazzo Pubblico, where Mr Frécon will address San Marino's political establishment and exchange views with San Marino's delegation to the Congress.

Mr Frécon will be accompanied by Mr Jean-Philippe Bozouls, Executive Secretary of the Chamber of Local Authorities of the Congress.

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