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Congress President Keith Whitmore meets the press in Izmir (Turkey)

Strasbourg, 4 July 2011 - The President of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe Keith Whitmore will hold a press conference in the framework of the Congress Monitoring Committee meeting, today at 17:30 (local time) in the Swissotel Grand Efes Hotel in Izmir.

Amongst the items on the agenda of the meeting are five monitoring reports on local and regional democracy in different member States, human rights awareness-raising in territorial politics, as well as the situation of detained local elected representatives in Turkey.

Press conference:

4 July 2011, 17:30, Swissotel Grand Efes Hotel, Gaziosmanpasa Bulvari No: 1 35210, Alsancak, Izmir

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The Congress has two chambers, the Chamber of Local Authorities and the Chamber of Regions. It brings together 318 full and 318 substitute members representing more than 200 000 European territorial communities.

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Political Groups: Socialist Group (SOC), Group of the European People's Party – Christian Democrats (EPP/CD), Independent and Liberal Democrat Group (ILDG).