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A Group of Wise Persons to secure the long-term effectiveness of the European Court of Human Rights

Strasbourg, 14.09.2005 – The Council of Europe Committee of Ministers just agreed on the names of the Group of Wise Persons to draw up a comprehensive strategy to secure the long-term effectiveness of the European Convention on Human Rights and its control mechanism.

The Group of Wise Persons will comprise :

- Prof. Rona AYBAY, Turkey
- Mrs Fernanda CONTRI, Italy
- Mr Marc FISCHBACH, Luxembourg
- Prof. Dr Jutta LIMBACH, Germany
- Mr Gil Carlos RODRIGUEZ IGLESIAS, Spain
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- Mr Jacob SÖDERMAN, Finland
- Dr Hanna SUCHOCKA, Poland
- Mr Pierre TRUCHE, France
- Lord WOOLF of BARNES, United Kingdom
- Mr Veniamin Fedorovich YAKOVLEV, Russia;

The Group of Wise Persons was set up by the Third Council of Europe Summit in Warsaw in May this year. Its implementation and the beginning of its work are considered as the main priority given to the Committee of Ministers by the Heads of State and Government.

The first meeting of the Group of Wise Persons will take place in Strasbourg by mid-October 2005. It will submit an interim report on its work to the 116th Session of the Committee of Ministers (May 2006).

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