



Conference

INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE FOR CHILDREN

Strasbourg, 17-18 September 2007

Palais de l'Europe - Room 2

Programme

Monday 17 September 2007

2 p.m. Registration

3 p.m. **Official opening**

Ms Maud de Boer-Buquicchio, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe

3.15 p.m. **Statement**

Ms Sladjana Prica, Permanent Representative of Serbia to the Council of Europe, representative of the Chair of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe

3.25 p.m. **Introduction to the working methods and objectives of the conference**

Ms Elda Moreno, Programme Manager, "Building a Europe for and with children", Directorate General of Social Cohesion, Council of Europe

3.30 p.m. **Presentation of the forthcoming Conference of European Ministers of Justice**

Mr Jan Kleijssen, Director of Standard-Setting, Directorate General of Human Rights and Legal Affairs, Council of Europe

3.35 p.m. **Round table 1: "Milestones in international justice for children"**

Rapporteur: Ms Ruth Farrugia, member of the European Network of Masters in Children's Rights, University of Malta

Chair: Ms Maud de Boer-Buquicchio

- [Children's rights and the European Convention on Human Rights](#)

Ms Françoise Tulkens, Judge of the European Court of Human Rights

- [The protection of children's rights through the European Social Charter](#)

Ms Polonca Končar, Chair of the European Committee of Social Rights, Council of Europe

- [The United Nations monitoring bodies and children’s rights](#)

Ms Jane Connors, Senior Human Rights Officer, Treaties and Commission Branch, OHCHR

- [International law and children’s rights: a critical review and a wish list](#)

Ms Marta Santos Pais, Director of the Innocenti Research Center, Unicef

4.40p.m. Discussion

5.45 p.m. Closing of the session

6 p.m. Reception offered by *Mr Jean-Paul Costa, President of the European Court of Human Rights*, Human Rights Building Restaurant

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9 a.m. Round table 2 “Access of children to international justice”

Rapporteur: Ms Catarina de Albuquerque, chairperson-rapporteur of the UN open-ended Working Group on an Optional Protocol (foreseeing a complaints mechanism) to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Chair: Mr Christos Giakoumopoulos, Director of Monitoring, Directorate General of Human Rights and Legal Affairs, Council of Europe

- [Improving children’s access to the European Court of Human Rights](#)

Ms Isabelle Berro-Lefèvre, Judge of the European Court of Human Rights

- [Access of children to the Inter-American Court of Human Rights](#)

Ms Margarette May Macaulay, Judge of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights

- [Access of children to the African human rights protection system](#)

Ms Helen Seifu, Director of the Children’s Legal Protection Center, African Child Policy Forum

- [Implementation of international standards and decisions at national level: the role of ombudspersons](#)

Mr George Moschos, Chair of the European Network of Ombudspersons for Children

10.10 a.m. Discussion

10.50 a.m. Coffee break

11.10 a.m. Round table 3: “Towards a child-friendly justice”

Rapporteur: Ms Veronica Yates, Child Rights Information Network

Chair: Mr Thomas Hammarberg, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights

- [Children’s access to the UNCRC: improving children’s participation in reporting processes](#)

Ms Yanghee Lee, Chair of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child

- [The judge and the child: The role of the child in the judicial proceeding](#)

Ms Josiane Bigot, Judge of the Court of Appeal of Colmar and President of the Association Themis

- [The principles of child-friendly justice at national level](#)

Mr Willie Mc Carney, former president of the International Association of Youth and Family Judges and Magistrates

- [The principles of child-friendly justice at international level](#)

Mr Peter Newell, co-ordinator, Global Initiative to End All Corporal Punishment of Children

12.15 p.m.	Discussion
1 p.m.	Lunch break
2.45 p.m.	Presentation of round table conclusions by the rapporteurs
3.15 p.m.	The UN Study on Violence against Children: Recommendations in the field of justice
	<i>Mr Paulo Pinheiro, independent expert, author of the UN Report on Violence against Children</i>
3.30 p.m.	Discussion
4. 15 p.m.	Preliminary conclusions of the conference by the general rapporteur
	<i>Mr Michael Nicholls, Queen's Counsel</i>
4.35 p.m.	Closing address
	<i>Mr Thomas Hammarberg</i>
5 p.m.	End of the conference