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Strasbourg, 20.04.2009

Council of Europe Secretary General to participate in Durban Review Conference in Geneva

Date: 21 April 2009

Location: Palais des Nations, Geneva (Switzerland)

Organised by: United Nations

Description: Council of Europe Secretary General Terry Davis will outline Council of Europe efforts to fight racism and discrimination in a speech to the United Nations Durban Review Conference in Geneva at 4 pm. He will also meet with Ms. Navanethem Pillay, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights.

With 47 member states, the Council of Europe most recently launched its campaign "Speak Out Against Discrimination" which supports media efforts to play a constructive role in an increasingly multicultural environment. In addition, the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI) is the Council of Europe's independent human rights monitoring body specialised in combating racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia, antisemitism and intolerance.

[Link to the Campaign](#) and [Council of Europe ECRI site](#)

Practical information:

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