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Regional European meeting in Strasbourg to discuss national policies on human rights education

Strasbourg, 05.11.2007 – More than 200 government experts and human rights experts will focus on the long-term effects of human rights education and lessons learned at the Regional European Meeting on the World Programme for Human Rights Education "Implementing human rights education in the school system" in Strasbourg, on 5 and 6 November.

It aims to examine ways of helping Council of Europe and OSCE member states to implement their national action plans on human rights education, with a special focus on primary and secondary education. Government officials, experts and policy makers will have an opportunity to exchange experiences on national practices, identify obstacles and propose possible solutions to them.

The meeting will also cover topics including formal human rights education, human rights education in school curricula, human rights education and professional development for teachers and other educational personnel and links between formal and non-formal human rights education.

The event is organised in co-operation with the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, UNESCO and the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights.

The Council of Europe through its "Learning and Living Democracy for All" programme complements the United Nations World Programme for Human Rights Education (2005-ongoing) proclaimed by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 10 December 2004 to advance the implementation of human rights education programmes in all sectors.

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