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Council of Europe Secretary General to make official visit to Spain

Strasbourg, 31.01.2011 – The Secretary General of the Council of Europe, Thorbjørn Jagland, will make his first official visit to Spain from 1st to 2nd February.

During the visit he will discuss with the Spanish authorities relevant issues for the protection of human rights in Europe, for example EU accession to the European Convention on Human Rights and the situation of the Roma, in particular Spain's experience in integrating this minority. Other topics of discussion will be the increasing cultural and religious diversity of European societies and the Council of Europe reform.

On Tuesday morning he will first hold a meeting with the minister of Justice, Francisco Caamaño. At 12.00 am he will give a lecture at the Real Instituto Elcano (www.realinstitutoelcano.org) on European institutions architecture.

In the afternoon he will meet with minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Trinidad Jiménez, and Manuel Chaves, third vice-president and minister of Territorial Policy and Public Administration.

On Wednesday morning he will meet the minister of Health, Social Policy and Equality Leyre Pajín and the acting Ombudswoman María Luisa Cava de Llano y Carrió.

The official visit will finish with an audience with His Majesty the King Juan Carlos at the Palacio de la Zarzuela.

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