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Council of Europe: presentation of the 2nd report on the evaluation of European judicial systems

Strasbourg, 01.10.2008 – The Council of Europe's Commission for the Efficiency of Justice (CEPEJ) will bring out the 2nd report on the evaluation of European judicial systems on **Wednesday 8 October at 2.30 pm** during a press conference at the Council of Europe's Paris office, **55 avenue Kléber, 75016 (métro Boissière)** in the presence of

- **Fausto de Santis**, Chairman of the Commission for the Efficiency of Justice (CEPEJ),
- **Jean-Paul Jean**, Chair of the CEPEJ Working Group on the evaluation of judicial systems, and Avocat Général auprès de la Cour d'Appel de Paris,
- **Philippe Boillat**, Director General of Human Rights and Legal Affairs of the Council of Europe,
- **Stéphane Leyenberger**, Secretary of the CEPEJ.

The report, comprising data for 45 European states (*), provides the Council of Europe with a real snapshot of justice in Europe. The methods developed by the CEPEJ to monitor judicial systems (methods refined from experience of previous evaluation cycles) have collected, processed and analysed thousands of quantitative and qualitative data. The CEPEJ has tried to identify some main European trends and conclusions concerning the application of fundamental principles and European standards in the field of justice.

The report provides comparative tables and analysis of key indicators including : public spending on the judicial system, the legal aid system, the organisation of jurisdictions, judicial personnel, length of proceedings, lawyers and notaries.

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(*) Amongst the Council of Europe's 47 member States, only Liechtenstein has not been able to provide data for this report. Data from San Marino have not been received in due time to be processed in the report.

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