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International Day for the Eradication of Poverty

**Turin,
Palazzo Civico, Sala delle Colonne
17 October 2014**

8h45 Welcome of participants

9h00 – 10h15 **Opening and introductory contributions**

A word of welcome by Piero Fassino, Mayor of Turin or his representative

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Jean-Marie Heydt, President of the Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe

Salim Muslumov, Minister of Labour and Social Protection of the Population of Azerbaidjan on behalf of the Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe

Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe

François Vandamme, Representative of Belgium at the Governmental Committee of the European Social Charter and the European Code of Social Security

10h30 – 12h30 **4 workshops : Acting together to implement Article 30 of the European Social Charter**

Atelier 1 « **The situation of the elderly and families living in poverty** » led by the International Association of Charities (AIC) and the International Federation of Associations of the Elderly (FIAPA)

Atelier 2 « **Access to rights and the role of NGOs** » led by the European Social Action Network (ESAN)

Atelier 3 « **Food security and the fight against wastage** » led by Caritas Europa

Atelier 4 « **Think, decide and act together against poverty** » led by the International Movement ATD Fourth World

12h30 – 14h30 **Lunch** organised by Caritas Europa and the insertion cooperative Dynamo Coop of Turin

14h30 – 17h00 **Presentation of the results of the workshops and discussion**

Moderator : **Elisabeth Prieur, International Movement ATD Fourth World**

Conclusions : **Peter Verhaeghe, Caritas Europa**

17h00 – 17h30

Ceremony to mark the 17th of October, the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, with a reading of the text written on the commemorative stone at the Trocadero in Paris

CONTEXT

The Council of Europe is organising a High-level Conference on the European Social Charter in Turin on 17 and 18 October.

This Conference will look at the evolution of European legal systems and at the challenges facing States in order to guarantee the economic and social rights of all people living in Europe in the current economic crisis.

The joint Declaration of 17 October 2012 of the Committee of Ministers, the Parliamentary Assembly, the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities and the Conference of INGOs « *Acting together to eradicate extreme poverty in Europe* », is a firm engagement by the four pillars of the Council of Europe to fight against poverty.

It was therefore natural that the Conference of INGOs decided to organise its **17 October event to mark the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, this year in Turin.**

On this occasion, the participants, people living in poverty and NGOs, will draw up a strong message which will be transmitted to the participants in the High-level Conference taking place at the same time in Turin.

This message will focus on **Article 30 of the European Social Charter**

The right to protection against poverty and social exclusion

With a view to ensuring the effective exercise of the right to protection against poverty and social exclusion, the Parties undertake:

- a to take measures within the framework of an overall and co-ordinated approach to promote the effective access of persons who live or risk living in a situation of social exclusion or poverty, as well as their families, to, in particular, employment, housing, training, education, culture and social and medical assistance;*
- b to review these measures with a view to their adaptation if necessary.*

This day of 17 October 2014 in Turin will be the occasion to not only highlight the progress that has been made in Europe but also to note that violations of rights continue, and to insist on the measures that States need to take or develop in order to recognise and respect the rights of the poor, to give them back their dignity, and ensure their full participation in life.

Working languages: English, French and Italian.

The day is organised by the Conference of INGOs in co-operation with the Department of the European Social Charter and the Division of Civil Society.