



INVITATION

High Level Meeting of the permanent intergovernmental group L'Europe de l'Enfance

High Level Conference Celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child

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Welcome!

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Practical information

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Dear Sir/Madam

The Swedish Presidency is holding a high-level conference in Stockholm on 20 November 2009 to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. The conference is aimed at decision-makers, politicians and officials and is being held within the framework of cooperation with the permanent intergovernmental working group L'Europe de l'Enfance.

The celebration of the Convention on the Rights of the Child will also include a concert on the evening of 19 November. Ministers from several Member States and high-level representatives of international organisations will be attending. We are honoured that Her Majesty the Queen of Sweden will be attending both the conference and the concert with eight senior royal women from the European royal families.

The conference will open with a presentation of the successes and remaining challenges in the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child in the Member States.

The second part of the conference will centre on children, youth and the Internet – the benefits and challenges. It will focus on the Internet and other online technologies as important tools to enable children and young people to participate in society and decision-makers to easily reach out to and consult a large number of children. However, in the era of the information society and easy access to the Internet, the risks for children are even greater and urgently require a concerted response. Policies to enable and protect children online require broad efforts to achieve a balanced approach to maximising opportunities and minimising risks. One of the objectives of the conference is therefore to discuss the safer use of online technologies for children.

Parents' possibilities to combine work and family life will be highlighted at the third part of the conference and will be discussed from a child rights perspective, with the focus on the impact of family policy on children. We will try to identify the conflicts that arise when parents must make difficult choices between the demands of the labour market and the needs of their children. On what grounds do parents make their decisions and how are the children involved? As regards the content of family policy, can the various objectives of family support be achieved simultaneously or do they compete with each other? And can policies focused on children be viewed as an investment?



I would also be honoured by your presence at the preceding concert on the evening of 19 November.

Accommodation has been pre-booked and can be reserved through online registration. To assist us with the practical organisation of the meeting, we would appreciate your response to this invitation at your earliest convenience, however no later than 6 November. A draft conference programme is enclosed with this letter.

I very much look forward to welcoming you to Stockholm in November.

Yours sincerely

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