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**2nd Round Table with National Human Rights Institutions /
4th European Meeting of National Institutions**

PROGRAMME

**Belfast (Hilton Hotel) and Dublin (Dublin Castle)
14-16 November 2002**

*organised by the Secretariat General of the Council of Europe in co-operation
with the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission
and the Irish Human Rights Commission*

Thursday 14 November 2002 - Belfast

08h30 Registration of participants

09h30 Opening Ceremony

Opening Statements by:

Mr Brice DICKSON	Chief Commissioner of the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission
Mr Maurice MANNING	President of the Irish Human Rights Commission
Mr Morten KJAERUM	Director General of the Danish Centre for Human Rights and Chair of the European Coordinating Group of National Human Rights Institutions
Mr Pierre-Henri IMBERT	Director General of Human Rights, Council of Europe
Mr Des BROWNE	Parliamentary under Secretary of State for Northern Ireland

10h30 **Theme 1 : Role of National Human Rights Institutions in the prevention and resolution of conflict and tension ?**

Chair: Mr Brice DICKSON

Introductory reports by: Mr Kevin BOYLE, Professor, University of Essex
Mr Marek Antoni NOWICKI, Ombudsperson of Kosovo

11h15 Coffee break

11h45 Discussion on Theme 1

13h00 Lunch

14h30 Continuation of discussion on Theme 1

16h15 Coffee break

16h45 Continuation of discussion on Theme 1

18h30 Buffet-reception given by the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Parliament Buildings, Stormont

Friday 15 November 2002 – Belfast

09h00 **Theme 2: Rights of asylum seekers**

Chair: Mr Maurice MANNING

Introductory reports by: Ms Catherine TEITGEN-COLLY, Professor at University of South Paris
Mr Percy MACLEAN, Director of the German Institute for Human Rights
Ms Suzanne EGAN, Member of the Irish Human Rights Commission

10h30 Discussion on Theme 2

11h15 Coffee break

11h45 Continuation of discussion on Theme 2

12h30 Lunch

14h00 Continuation of discussion on Theme 2

16h00 End of the session and transfer to Dublin by bus (arrival 20h00)

Evening free

Saturday 16 November 2002 – Dublin

09h00 Welcome by Mr Michael McDOWELL, Irish Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform *[to be confirmed]*

09h30 **Theme 3: Co-operation between national human rights institutions and between them and the Council of Europe and other international organisations**

Introduction and Chair: Mr Alvaro GIL-ROBLES, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights

Discussion under this theme will include statements by representatives of the Council of Europe, the United Nations and other participants. A particular focus will be placed on the workload problem of the European Court of Human Rights and possible solutions. This aspect will be introduced by Mr Justin HARMAN, Chairman of the Evaluation Group on the European Court of Human Rights, Permanent Representative of Ireland to the Council of Europe.

10h30 Coffee break

11h00 Continuation of discussion on Theme 3

12h00 Concluding session of the Round Table

Discussion of follow up and possible adoption of Recommendations

Moderator: Mr Morten KJAERUM, Director General, Danish Centre
for Human Rights

13h15 Lunch

14h30 4th European meeting of National Institutions

17h30 Close of meeting

19h00 Conference dinner, Dublin Castle

Sunday 17 November 2002

Travel from Dublin to Belfast and departure of participants