Draft agenda for the meeting of the Permanent Intergovernmental Group “L´Europe de l´Enfance”

Helsinki, Finland, 21 November 2006

Monday, 20 November 2006

Registration at Sokos Hotel Torni, Yrjönkatu 26, Helsinki

18.30  Bus transportation from Sokos Hotel Torni to the Dinner

19.00   Dinner at Gardenia
  Hosted by Mrs. Aino-Inkeri Hansson, Deputy Director, Department of Social and Family Affairs, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health
  Bus transportation back to Sokos Hotel Torni (in the City centre)

Tuesday, 21 November 2006

Registration at The House of Estates (meeting venue), Snellmaninkatu 9-11, Helsinki

08.45  Bus transportation from Sokos Hotel Torni to the meeting venue The House of Estates

Conference: Early Childhood Education and Care as the Child’s Right

Chaired by Mrs. Aino-Inkeri Hansson, Deputy Director, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health

9.30  Opening of the conference
  Dr Liisa Hyssälä, Minister for Health and Social Services, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health

9.45  Early Childhood Education and Care and the Child’s wellbeing - Introducing the European Perspective
  Dr John Bennet, Project Manager of the OECD Starting Strong Project
  Discussion
10.30  The Finnish Early Childhood Education and Care system
Ms. Tarja Kahiluoto, Senior Officer, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health

Discussion

11.15  The Child’s Right to Early Childhood Education and Care – Survey on the CRC Committee’s Concluding Observations on the last EU countries’ Reports
Mr. Joseph Moyersoen and Ms. Erika Bernacchi, ChildONEurope Secretariat, Italian Childhood and Adolescence Documentation and Analysis Centre.

Discussion

End of the international part of the conference

12.00  Lunch

13.30  Meeting of the Permanent Intergovernmental Group “L´Europe de l´Enfance”

Communication of the European Commission: Towards an EU strategy on the Rights of the Child
Representative of the European Commission

Discussion

Improvement and implementation of the Rights of the Child in the EU countries and the role of the Group “L´Europe de l´Enfance”

Working groups

Coffee break

Summarizing the results of the working groups

A look ahead at the German Presidency

Final statements

16.30  Bus transportation via Sokos Hotel Torni to the Helsinki-Vantaa Airport