FINAL AGENDA
for the meeting of the
PERMANENT INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP
"L’ EUROPE DE L’ ENFANCE"

ATHENS, Friday, 30th May 2003

08:30-09:30  Registration

09:30-09:45  Welcome, Mrs Maria Beldekou, Secretary General of Welfare, Greek Ministry of Health & Welfare

PRIVATE SESSION

Coordinator: Dr. Eleni Agathonos, Greek delegate of the Permanent Intergovernmental Group “L’ Europe de l’ Enfance”

09:45-10:30  Terms of Reference

10:30-11:00  Coffee break

11:00-12:00  Status of the European Network of National Observatories on Childhood
  a.  Official creation of the Network
  b.  General presentation: aims, procedures and 2003 agenda
  c.  Presentation of the first activities undertaken
  d.  Contacts with accession countries, governmental and non governmental organizations
  e.  Debate

12:00-13:30  Lunch

OPEN SESSION*

13:30-14:00  Children’s Position in the EU Treaties – Presentation by Ms Myrsini Zorba, Member of the European Parliament, Greece

14:00-15:30  Children and Disabilities: A Child Rights Approach, Presentation by Dr. Eleni Valassi-Adam, Associate Prof. of Paediatrics and Dr. Gitsa Kottaridi, Senior Researcher, National Centre for Social Research, Greece

  a.  The encouragement and funding of research
  b.  The focus on public awareness and sharing of experience within projects related to the promotion of the CRC articles pertaining to the subject
c. The encouragement of free choice for priorities in policies within the European Directives
d. The encouragement by the EU of all countries to adopt a continuous negotiation process between all parties involved
e. Debate

15:30-16:00 Coffee Break

16:00-17:30 Child Abuse and Neglect: An Integrated Multisectoral Public Health and Child Rights Approach to Prevention and Management, Presentation by Dr. Eleni Agathonos, Head, Department of Family Relations, Institute of Child Health, Greece

a. Child abuse as a public health problem (WHO 1999) and its links with the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child – The development of alternative data collection systems and estimates of impact on all parties involved
b. The need for more articulated knowledge of the phenomenon – Best practices related to public awareness
c. The promotion of the adoption of specific measures and of continuing evaluation at all levels of prevention, at national and transnational levels
d. Debate

17:30-18:00 Any other Business

a. The inclusion of the “protection of children’s rights” in the new draft of the Constitutional Treaty for Europe of 6th February 2003 (CONV 528/03) – Presentation by EURONET, Ms Olivia Lind-Haldorsson
b. Accesion countries as potential members of “L’Europe de l’Enfance”
c. Announcement of the next meeting under the Italian Presidency
d. Other

18:00-18:30 Summing up and closure of the meeting

* Please note that due to time constraints observers may ask for clarifications but cannot make presentations.