

**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 Tornii, Yrj6nkatu 26, Helsinki

18.30 Bus transportation from Sokos Hotel Tornii 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 Tornii (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 Tornii 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

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- 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 Moyersoer 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 Tornio to the Helsinki-Vantaa Airport**