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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. *Accession 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.