



Tackling violence in schools

High-Level Expert meeting co-organised by the Government of Norway, the Council of Europe and the UN Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence against Children

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Monday, 27 June 2011

08.30	Registration
09.30	<p>Official opening</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Lisbet RUGTVEDT, State Secretary, Ministry of Education and Research, Norway • Ms Carola Beatrice BJØRKLUND, Ambassador, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Norway • Ms Marta SANTOS PAIS, United Nations Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence against Children • Mr Kishore SINGH, United Nation's Special Rapporteur on the Right to Education • Ms Maria OCHOA-LLIDO, Head of Department, Department of school and out-of-school education, Council of Europe • Ms Tuva STRANGER, Representative from the Student Council, Norway <p>"Angry man" - short video on children and violence</p>
10.30	Coffee break
10.35	Press conference
<p>Session I</p> <p>11.15</p>	<p>Violence in schools - setting the scene</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Ms Anica DJAMIC, Ambassador of Croatia to the Council of Europe, Thematic Co-ordinator on Children of the Council of Europe's Committee of Ministers</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The scale and nature of school violence against children in the Council of Europe member states - Mr Miguel GARCIA LOPEZ, Council of Europe Expert • UNESCO's work on violence in schools - Ms Ulrike STOROST, Associate Expert, Section of Education for Peace and Human Rights, UNESCO • Protection of children in Lebanon - Mr Elie MEKHAEL, Secretary General, Ministry of Social Affairs, the Higher Council for Childhood, Lebanon • The challenge of data collection - Mr Peter NEWELL, Coordinator of the "Global Initiative to End All Corporal Punishment of Children" • Bullying and threats via Internet and social media. The scope and character of the problem in societies - Ms Elisabeth STAKSRUD, Researcher on media and communication, former EU project manager, Norway

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parliamentary Report on tackling violence in schools - Mr Gvozden FLEGO, Professor, Member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, Chairman of the Committee on Culture, Science and Education, Member of the Croatian Parliament
12.15	Discussion
12.25	Lunch
Session II 13.30	<p>Violence reduction in schools: approaches, methodologies and good practices</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Mr Harald NYBØLET, Deputy Director General, Ministry of Education, Norway</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The value of early education of human rights and democracy to reduce violence in schools - Mr Jindrich FRYC, Vice-chair of the Steering Committee for Education, Council of Europe, Education for Democratic Citizenship (EDC) and Human Rights Education project (HRE) Policy and Strategies to create a good and safe school learning environment - Ms Grete RAFF REINEMO, Senior Adviser, Ministry of Education and Research, Norway Sweden: experiences and challenges - Mr Carl-Gustav SIDENQUIST, Ombudsperson on violence in schools, Sweden National strategies to combat violence in schools. The perspective of India - Ms Shanta SINHA, Chairperson, National Commission for the protection of Children's Rights, India Evidence-based interventions against school bullying - Mr Dan OLWEUS, Professor, University of Bergen, Norway Violence against children in schools - the gender aspect - Mr Richard IVES, Education consultant, "Educari" learning organisation, United Kingdom
14.35	Discussion
15.00	Coffee break



From 15.15 to 16.15, two parallel Working Groups

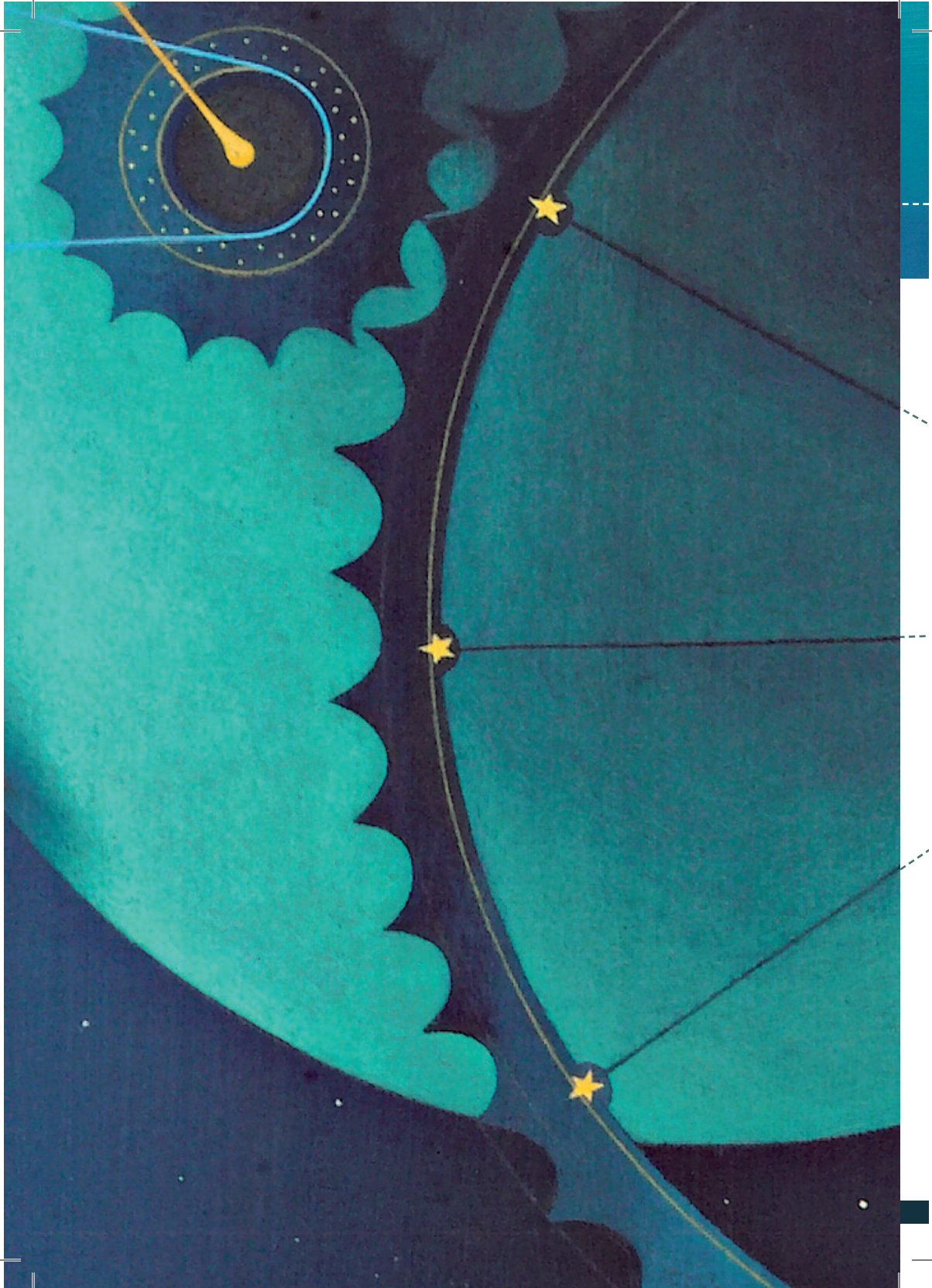
15.15	<p>1. National programmes to combat violence in schools: lessons learned (French- and English- speaking group)</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Mr Gunnar MANDT, Special Adviser, European Wergeland Centre</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Berlin: The Inner City Model School Initiative “Learning and Living Diversity” (2009-2012) - Ms Ulrike WOLFF-JONTOFSOHN, Senior Researcher and Lecturer for Comparative and Intercultural Education, Freiburg University of Education, Germany• Addressing and preventing violence against children. Experience from a training project in cooperation with UNICEF - Ms Olena KOACHEMYRROVSKA, Psychologist (PhD), Ukraine• Preventing violence in schools: the French education policy - Mr Roger VRAND, Head of Unit for regulations and school organization policy, educational development and cultural and sport activities. Ministry of Education, France• Measures to prevent and tackle bullying, based on children’s opinions and involvement. The role of ombudspersons - Mr George MOSCHOS, Greek Children’s Ombudsman, member of the Bureau of the European Network of Ombudspersons for Children (ENOC)• Learn Without Fear Global Campaign - Ms Nadya KASSAM, Head of Global Advocacy, Plan International <p>Discussion</p>
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	<p>2. Regional responses to combat violence in schools (English- speaking group)</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Mr Knut HAANES, Deputy Ombudsperson, Ombudsperson's office, Norway</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experiences from human rights education - Ms Caroline GEBARA, Adviser, European Wergeland Centre • The importance of teacher training in reducing violence in schools - Mr Aart FRANKEN, Representative of the Pestalozzi Programme, Council of Europe • Experiences from projects: tackling violence in schools - Ms Ruba QUMI, Coordinator, National Council for Family Affairs, Jordan • Addressing and preventing violence against children through legislative measures - Mr David MUGAWE, Executive Director, African Child Policy Forum • Addressing violence in the Balkan region. Experiences from projects - Mr Besnik KADESHA, Coordinator, Save the Children in Albania <p>Discussion</p>
16.15	Conclusions of the first day
17.15	End of the day
18.00	Reception/dinner hosted by the Norwegian authorities

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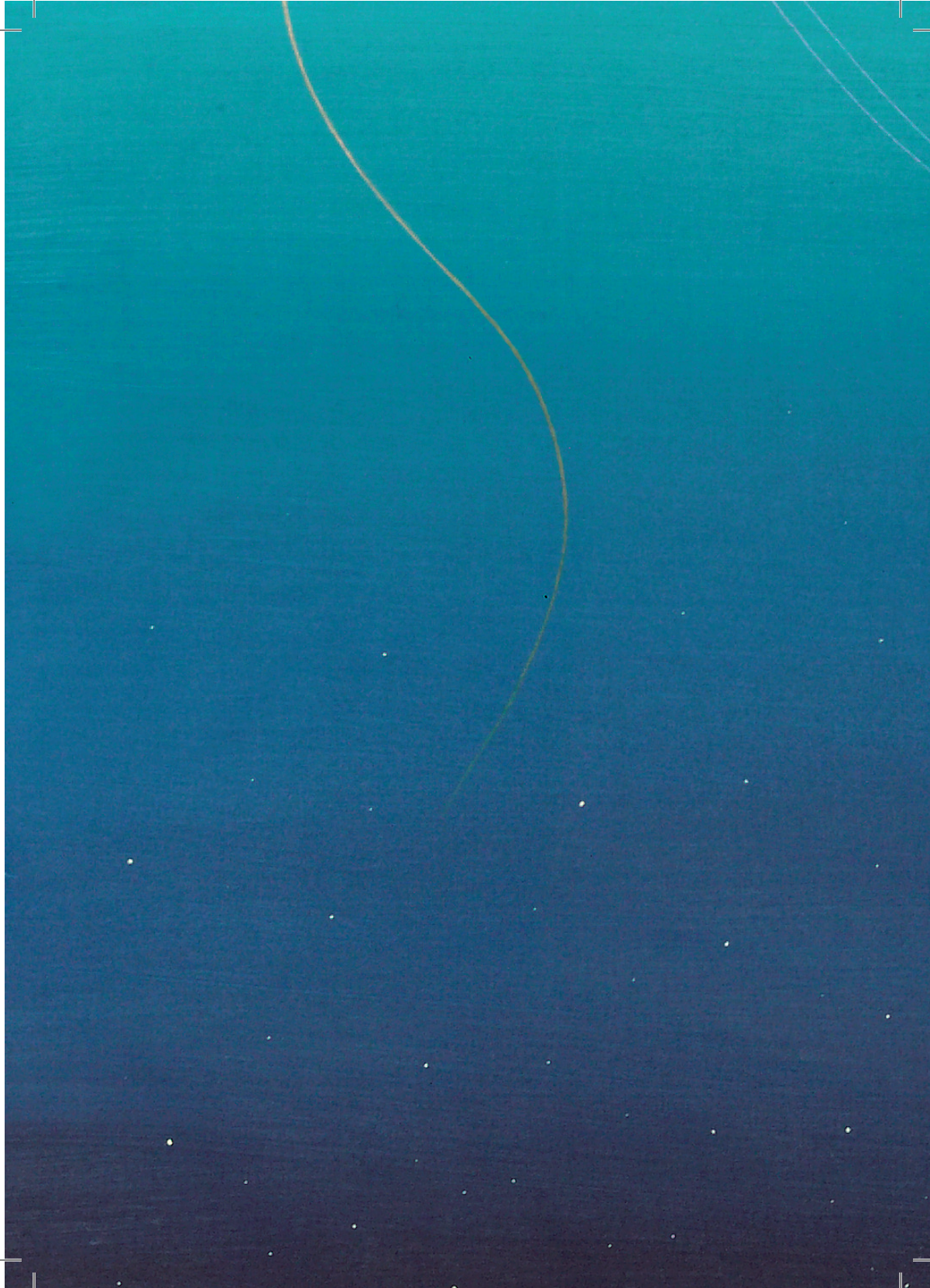
Session III	<p>Violence in schools: building partnerships with parents, children and local communities</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Mr Miguel GARCIA LOPEZ, Council of Europe Expert</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cooperation between the schools and parents - how can parents contribute to prevent violence in schools? - Mr Christopher BECKHAM, National Parents' Committee for Primary and Secondary Education (FUG), Norway
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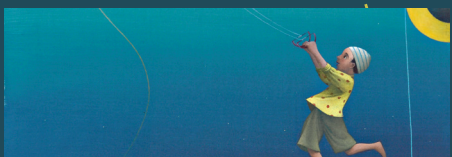
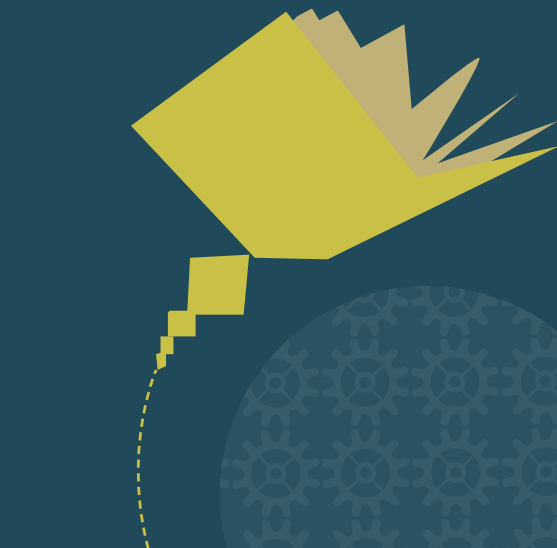




	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cooperation and partnership between schools and local services for children and families. Children’s voices - Mr Reidar HJERMAN, Ombudsperson, Norway • Mr Kjell Erik ØIE, Programme Director, Plan International • Ms Roberta CECCHETTI, Advocacy Manager, Save the Children
10.15	Discussion
10.40	Coffee break
Session IV	Taking the next steps – recommendations for further actions
11.00	<p><i>Moderator:</i> Mr Trond WAAGE, International Expert on Children’s Rights, former researcher at UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre and former Ombudsperson for Children in Norway</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Kjell Erik ØIE, Programme Director, Plan International • Ms Roberta CECCHETTI, Advocacy Manager, Save the Children • Ms Ulrike STOROST, Associate Expert, Section of Education for Peace and Human Rights, UNESCO • Ms Regina JENSDOTTIR, Head of the Children’s Rights Policies Division, Council of Europe • Ms Marta SANTOS PAIS, United Nations Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence against Children
12.00	Discussion
12.45	<p>Conclusions and recommendations from the High-Level Expert meeting</p> <p>Rapporteur presentation Ms Marie Louise SEEBERG, Dr. polit. (PhD), Senior Researcher, Norwegian Social Research (NOVA)</p>
13.20	<p>Close of the Meeting</p> <p>Ms Henriette WESTHRIN, State Secretary, the Ministry of Children, Equality and Social Inclusion, Norway</p>
13.30	Lunch







The conclusions and recommendations from the High-Level Expert meeting "Tackling violence in schools" will inform the follow-up process to the UN Study on Violence against Children promoted by the UN Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence against Children, and feed into the Council of Europe Strategy on the Rights of the Child (2012-2015) to be adopted by the Committee of Ministers in early 2012.

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