



## Invitation

### **“60 years of the Council of Europe, 50 years of the European Court of Human Rights”**

Monday 2 November 2009 | 13.00 – 17:30  
in the assembly room (plenaire zaal) of the Senate, Binnenhof 22, The Hague

The year 2009 marks the 60<sup>th</sup> and 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Council of Europe and the European Court of Human Rights respectively. Over the years the work of the Council and the Court has enjoyed continued interest from the Dutch parliament. The committees on European Affairs and Justice of both Houses therefore wish to invite interested parties to celebrate these twin anniversaries and on this occasion to reflect on the current and future role of the Council of Europe.

The symposium will commence by taking stock of the various aspects of the role of the Council of Europe. The second half of the symposium will explore the impact of the Council of Europe on the Netherlands, with a particular focus on the areas of asylum and immigration law and criminal law. Speakers will include Mr. Th. Hammarberg, Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe, Mr. F.C.G.M. Timmermans, Minister for European Affairs of the Netherlands, Mrs. N. Albayrak, State Secretary of Justice of the Netherlands and Mr. B.E.P. Myjer, judge at the European Court of Human Rights. The symposium will be chaired by Prof. E.C.M. Jurgens, former Vice-President of the Senate and former member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe.

Registration opens at 13:00 for official opening of the symposium by the President of the Senate at 13:30. A detailed programme will be made available at [www.europapoort.nl](http://www.europapoort.nl). Prospective participants are kindly requested to register before 15 October by sending their name and affiliation to [symposium@eerstekamer.nl](mailto:symposium@eerstekamer.nl). Please note that seating capacity of the venue is limited and that admission is restricted to registered guests only.

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The organising committees would also like to draw your attention to the policy seminar “Ensuring Rights for all in Europe”, organised by the Clingendael Institute in cooperation with the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and to be held in The Hague on Tuesday 3 November 2009.