

The Swedish Initiative - a new Strategy for Council of Europe on Children's Rights

CoE Third Summit, in Warsaw 2005

- **to mainstream children's rights in all CoE policies and coordinate all CoE activities related to children;**
- **to eradicate all forms of violence against children, in particular through the launching of a three year plan of action and specific measures against sexual exploitation of children.**
- **The programme Building a Europe for and with Children**

The Swedish government's initiative

- A new strategy for the programme 2009-2011: Provision, Protection and Participation
- Mainstreaming a child rights perspective
- Focus on some particular child rights issues:
 - protection against violence
 - participation of children
 - children at risk ...

Protection against violence

- **Sweden called upon the Council of Europe to combat sexual abuse and exploitation of children with all available means.**
- **This work will combat other, similar phenomena, such as child sex tourism and trafficking in human beings that affects children.**

Components of Stockholm Strategy

- **Promote the work for the elimination of all forms of violence against children as a prioritized area.**
- **Suggestion to adopt European policy guidelines for integrated strategies on violence against children.**
- **Launching a campaign against sexual violence in support of recent CoE standards.**

Some expectations for the III Congress in Rio

- **NOT a pact of governments, civil society and private sector**
- **Recommendations of practical actions to improve the work against sexual abuse and exploitation of children**
- **Connections with international legal standards, (CRC and its optional protocol) and existing monitoring mechanisms**
- **Highlighting the roll of international regional organisations, such as Council of Europe, as forum for the follow up process and as agents of changes**