



COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

COUNCIL OF EUROPE



### **Information note on the follow-up visit to Denmark**

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As part of its activities, the Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights continues to carry out follow-up visits with the aim of having a continuous and constructive dialogue with national authorities about human rights issues.

In agreement with the Danish authorities, a delegation of this Office will visit Denmark from 5 to 7 December 2006 to take stock of the progress made in the implementation of the recommendations set out in the report of the Commissioner for Human Rights subsequent to his visit to Denmark on 13-16 April 2004 (attached for ease of reference).

The visit will be preceded by talks with non-governmental actors. These meetings will be held in private and be organised by the Commissioner's Office directly.

Then the delegation wishes to meet with national authorities working in the areas covered by the Commissioner's report and to visit sites deemed relevant for the purpose of the visit. The report will serve as the thematic basis for the discussions with Danish authorities during the follow-up visit.

As this follow-up visit is carried out by members of the Office of the Commissioner and not by the Commissioner himself, meetings are mainly sought at a senior civil servant and expert level. The following list of authorities and institutions is only indicative, and suggestions from the Danish authorities are very welcome.

The Commissioner would be obliged if the Danish authorities could put interpretation and transportation facilities between official venues at the disposal of his delegation.

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## **PROPOSALS OF AUTHORITIES TO BE MET AND PLACES TO BE VISITED**

### **Ministries:**

Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
Ministry of Justice (including members of the Prison and Probation Service)  
Ministry for Refugees, Immigration and Integration Affairs  
Ministry of Social Affairs and Gender Equality  
Ministry of the Interior and Health  
Ministry for Family and Consumer Affairs  
Ministry of Ecclesiastical Affairs and of Education

### **Political representatives:**

Members of the Danish Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly  
Members of the Legal Affairs Committee of the Danish Parliament  
Members of the Representation of the Faeroe Islands in Denmark  
Members of the Greenland Home Rule Government Representation in Denmark

### **Others:**

Parliamentary Ombudsman  
Ombudsman of the Parliament of Greenland  
Ombudsman of the Parliament of the Faeroe Islands  
Danish Institute for Human Rights (including the Complaints Committee for Ethnic Equal Treatment)  
Members of the Council of Ethnic Minorities  
Police Complaints Board  
National Council for Children  
Danish Press Council  
Refugee Board

### **Possible places to be visited by the delegation:**

Sandholm and Avnstrup centres for asylum-seekers (including Sandholm foreigners' detention centre)  
Prison: the Treatment Institution at Herstedvester  
A shelter for women and children victims of domestic violence (to be chosen by Danish authorities)  
School: Vesterbro School  
Psychiatric establishment: Glostrup Hospital Psychiatric and Forensic Psychiatric Departments