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Conference: Justice in the EU – from the Citizen's Perspective

22 – 23 July 2009 in Stockholm, Sweden

The Swedish Presidency of the EU will have the pleasure of inviting policy-makers, legal practitioners and civil servants of the European institutions, Member States and neighbouring countries to a conference on *Justice in the EU – from the Citizen's Perspective*. The conference will take place in Stockholm on 22 and 23 July.

The citizen must be the centre of attention in every modern society governed by law. Access to justice for citizens is therefore a crucial factor in maintaining and developing an area of freedom, security and justice in Europe. During our upcoming Presidency of the EU, we would therefore like to take the opportunity to discuss this vital issue in a general context.

The theme of the conference will be citizens' access to civil justice and their rights in criminal proceedings. This main topic will be approached from different angles, such as the practical impact of EU legal instruments relating to judicial cooperation in civil matters, communication of different kinds between courts and citizens, support to victims of crime and the rights of suspects and defendants in criminal proceedings.

The conference will open with a plenary session where high-level speakers, such as for instance the Vice-President of the European Commission, Mr Jacques Barrot, will address the subject from different perspectives. The opening session will be followed by related workshops. A closing plenary session will conclude the conference.

We look forward to seeing you in Stockholm!

Beatrice Ask

Swedish Minister for Justice

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Practical information

Date: 22 – 23 July 2009
(starting in the morning of 22 and ending at about noon on 23 July)

Place: City Conference Centre Norra Latin, Stockholm, Sweden

Accommodation has been pre-booked and can be reserved via on-line registration two months before the meeting. Further information will be distributed in May.

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