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UN General Assembly adopts declaration of High- Level Dialogue on Migration and Development

At the 68th session of the UN General Assembly, Member States have unanimously adopted a **Declaration** of High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development that calls for the respect of human rights and international labour standards, reiterates the commitment to fight human trafficking and strongly condemns manifestations of racism and intolerance; and stresses the need for intensifying cooperation between governments and civil society organisation to find responses to the challenges and the opportunities posed by international migration.

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European Day against Death Penalty: joint Council of Europe/EU declaration

The Secretary General of the Council of Europe, Thorbjørn Jagland, and the European Union's High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Catherine Ashton, have issued a joint declaration to mark the 7th European Day against the Death Penalty (10 October).

In the declaration, they reiterate their strong opposition to the use of capital punishment, underling its inhumane and cruel nature and its failure to prevent crime.

Welcoming important recent steps towards abolition at the international level, they call on all European countries to legally abolish the death penalty in all circumstances and regret the continuous use of capital punishment in Belarus – the only European country still to do so. (more...)

[Joint declaration](#)



GRETA annual report highlights five priorities for fighting human trafficking

The annual report by Council of Europe's expert group on trafficking in human beings (**GRETA**), has set out five key priorities for the international fight against human trafficking. The introduction to the report, published today, stresses that:

- It is crucial that more countries sign up to the Council of Europe's ground-breaking anti-trafficking convention;

- Anti-trafficking efforts should focus on all different types of trafficking, notably including trafficking for labour exploitation and organ removal;
- The private sector and the media must play a greater role in helping to prevent trafficking;
- The effectiveness of anti-trafficking measures should be subject to thorough independent assessment;
- Victims' rights – include effective access to compensation – must be guaranteed in practice.

The [third general report](#) on GRETA's activities covers the period from 1 August 2012 to 31 July 2013.

CONTESTS



"This is my Europe" photo competition

If you are 18 or older and live in one of the 28 EU Member states, you are invited to submit a photo in one of the following categories:

- My vision of Europe
- Europe in my daily life

To take part in the photo competition, go to the [Facebook page](#) and click the **Participate** button. The deadline to submit your photo is **30 October 2013**. You can find out more about the competition and the rules on the [official website](#). Prizes include a city trip for two to the 2014 European Capital of Culture (Riga), a train pass to travel around Europe or a compact photo camera. Relaunching Europe launched this EU-wide photo competition on the theme "This is my Europe" to celebrate the "European Year of the Citizens".



Pilot project scheme "Human Rights and Democracy in Action"

If you are creative and would like to share your vision then this comic strip competition is for you!

What: producing/drawing a comic strip representing democracy and human rights at school

Who: students from one of the States party to the European Cultural Convention.

When: the deadline is **24 December 2013**. Entries should be submitted by e-mail to comicstrip.competition@coe.int

Prize: The winning projects will receive great media visibility and on-line exposure on the Internet sites of the European institutions, the Council of Europe and the partners in our many networks. For more information and details of how to participate please ask your teacher or check the website <http://EDCHRE-Pilot-Projects-eu.coe.int>