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### **UNACCOMPANIED MINOR : FOREIGNER OR CHILD?**

**UPDATE AND OUTLOOK ON  
HOSTING POLICIES IN EUROPE  
WITH REGARD TO THE  
CONVENTION ON THE  
RIGHTS OF THE CHILD**

**Friday, 30th October, 2015  
Palais du Luxembourg, Paris**

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9 am **Welcome of the participants**

## Opening

9.30 am **Alain LE CLÉAC'H**, President of France terre d'asile

9.45 am **Speech of the sponsor of the event**

**Michelle MEUNIER**, Loire-Atlantique Senator, rapporteur of the bill on child welfare

10 am **Round table n°1**

**How Member States are taking into account the Convention on the Rights of the Child**

**Geneviève AVENARD**, Défenseure des enfants (Children's Ombudsman)

**Nathalie GRIESBECK**, European developments after the Action Plan on Unaccompanied Minors (2010-2014), European Commission

**Irene de Lorenzo-cáceres Cantero**, International Migration Specialist, Representant of UNICEF Europe

**Moderator : Béatrice de VAREILLES SOMMIERES, Lawyer of the Paris Bar, Registered on the list of the minors branch**

## Discussion

11.45 am **Lunch break**

1.15 pm **Round Table n°2**

**Where do we stand towards the access of unaccompanied children to Child Protection Services ? Examples: France, Belgium and Italy**

**Katja FOURNIER**, Unaccompanied children coordinator of « Plateforme Mineurs en exil », a project of Service Droit des jeunes of Brussels

**Viviana Valastro**, Children on the Move Head of Unit, Save the Children Italy

**Dominique VERSINI**, Paris Deputy Mayor, in charge of issues related to early childhood and child welfare services

**Moderator : Serge DURAND, Director of the Protection of the Unaccompanied children Direction**

## Discussion

2.45 pm **Break**

3 pm **Round table n°3**

**Towards a better consideration of the vulnerability of unaccompanied children within the framework of asylum application?**

**Pascal BRICE**, General Director of Ofpra (French office for the protection of refugees and stateless persons)

**Elona BOKSHI**, project officer for ECRE (European Council on Refugees and Exiles)

**Mike GALLAGHER**, Immigration and Border Policy, UK Home Office

**Moderator : Pierre HENRY, General Director of France terre d'asile**

## Discussion

4.30 pm **Closing speech**

**Nicole QUESTIAUX**, Former minister, Member of the Board of France terre d'asile

