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## **International round table on the anti-corruption expertise of legal acts and draft laws in Moscow**

Strasbourg, 23.06.2008 – A round-table discussion on how to make sure that the legislative process in Russia and other countries in Eastern Europe and Asia is not vulnerable to corruption will take place in Moscow on 24 and 25 June. The meeting aims to discuss techniques for assessing the corruption risks to laws.

Participants will include different ministries, expert organisations, NGOs and academics, international organisations, regions of Russia as well as representatives from Moldova, Belarus, Lithuania, Latvia, Azerbaijan, Armenia, Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan.

The event is being organised by Europe's leading democracy and human rights watchdog, the Council of Europe, together with the Security Committee of the Russian State Duma, Ministry of Economic Development and Centre for Strategic Research.

### Notes

- The Council of Europe provides continuous support for its 47 member states - including the Russian Federation - in fighting corruption.
- The organisation's Economic Crime Division also carries out anti-corruption projects in Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova, Turkey and Ukraine with the aim of fostering confidence in the political and legal system as well as promoting democracy, the rule of law and economic and social development.
- The 2006-7 project on preventing corruption in Russia, which was implemented by the Council of Europe with funding from the European Commission, produced a number of recommendations on how to analyse and address corruption threats in the Russian legislative process.

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