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ECMI congratulates Nils Muižnieks on election as new Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights

Congratulations from ECMI to Nils Muižnieks (Latvia), a member of the ECMI Advisory Council. Nils Muižnieks was elected yesterday as third Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights by the Organisation's Parliamentary Assembly (PACE) at its plenary session in Strasbourg. Mr Muižnieks was elected for a non-renewable term of six years starting on 1 April 2012. From November 2002 to December 2004, Mr Muižnieks held the post of Special Assignments Minister for Social Integration Affairs in the Latvian Government. Since 2005 he has been the member for Latvia of the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI) and became its Chairman in January 2010. He is currently Director of the Advanced Social and Political Research Institute (ASPRI) at the Faculty of Social Sciences in Riga. The Office of the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights is an independent, non-judicial institution within the Council of Europe; its function is to foster greater awareness of human rights, support national human rights institutions, identify shortcomings in law and practice concerning human rights and promote full enjoyment of human rights in all forty-seven member states of the Council of Europe. The Commissioner makes regular visits to the member states to engage in dialogue with governments and civil society and draw up reports on issues falling within his mandate.

The official Council of Europe press release can be found here.

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