



PRESS RELEASE

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Following the Bruges Conference Week on “**Culture, Cultural Rights and Education in an Enlarged Europe**” that took place from November 19th until 24th 2002 in Bruges, Belgium, we are pleased to send the conclusions from our Rector a.i. R. Picht and Mrs Margareta Hauschild from the Goethe Institute to our specialized press contacts.

The importance of this top level forum on the cultural and educational impacts of enlargement and the role of the culture and education within Europe was even more significant due to the presence of some keynote speakers such as **Mr. Jean-Luc Dehaene** (Minister of State, President of the Administrative Council of the College of Europe and Vice-Chairman of the European Convention), **H.E. Giuliano Amato** (Prime Minister of Italy), **Mr. Nikolaus Van der Pas** (Director-General, DG “Education and Culture” at the European Commission) and the very eminent **Professor Bronislaw Geremek (Former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Poland)**.

This conference week was introduced by the dynamic and controversial speech “Montesquieu and the European Union”, given by the Prime Minister of Belgium Guy Verhofstadt.

Please forward this pressrelease and the conclusions to anyone interested in Education and Culture.

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