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## **“For a European school in Strasbourg”**

Written Question No. 529 to the Chairperson of the Committee of Ministers

Reply from to the Chairperson of the Committee of Ministers  
adopted at the 1005<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Ministers' Deputies (26 September 2007)

### **1. Written Question by Mr Schreiner (Doc. 11339)**

In view of the importance attached by the Parliamentary Assembly to a multilingual, multinational education system aimed at promoting a European and global outlook;

Given that the European school closest to Strasbourg is in Karlsruhe (Germany);

Given the desire to have a European school in Strasbourg or in its immediate vicinity (Kehl, Germany);

Mr Schreiner,

To ask the Chairperson of the Committee of Ministers:

What are the chances of a European education offer being created in Strasbourg or in its immediate vicinity for the school year 2008/09?

### **2. Reply by the Chairperson of the Committee of Ministers**

1. The Committee of Ministers shares the continued interest expressed by Mr Schreiner with regard to a European education being offered in Strasbourg. As the Assembly is aware, discussion and negotiations on this important issue have been underway for some time and the Chair applauds the sustained efforts of the Secretary General in this respect and his determination to achieve the aim of having a true European education in the region. The Committee of Ministers is pleased to inform the Assembly of two developments.

2. Firstly, the Director of the European School at Karlsruhe, Mr Hoyem, has been entrusted with the task of making a proposal to the Board of Governors of European Schools at their meeting in October 2007 about the possibility of opening a part of the European School at Karlsruhe in Kehl at primary level. At the request of the European School at Karlsruhe, the Secretary General launched a survey in order to evaluate the level of demand for such a project. The result of the survey, which indicated that some 120 children would potentially be enrolled in a primary school in Kehl, confirmed the very high level of interest expected. The Secretary General has communicated this information to the European School at Karlsruhe to enable them to complete their proposal. The Secretary General informed the Ministers' Deputies of these developments at their 1002nd meeting on 11 July 2007.

3. Furthermore, the French authorities have informed the Secretary General and the Ministers' Deputies on a number of occasions this year that the French Government is planning to open a type-II European School in Strasbourg for primary and secondary education for the school year 2008/09. The French authorities are currently carrying out a study to define the modalities for opening such a school. The project was announced publicly in Strasbourg during the French Council of Ministers on 7 September 2007. It will also be presented to the Board of Governors of the European Schools in October. The chances therefore of a European education offer at both primary and secondary level being created in Strasbourg or in its immediate vicinity for the school year 2008/09 are high.