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Minister Sacramento to Attend Council of Europe Meeting

Minister for Equality, the Hon Samantha Sacramento MP, will attend a meeting of the Council of Europe next week which will launch the new Council of Europe Strategy on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (2017-2023). The two day conference which commences on 27th March will provide an opportunity for an in-depth exchange on the Strategy's rights-based priority areas. The aim is to identify how we can work together to realise the objectives of the Strategy over the years to come. The Minister will be accompanied by officials from the Ministry of Equality.

Minister Sacramento said: "As we continue to develop our Government's policies and strategies for the benefit of people with disabilities, conferences with a strategic focus such as this one will prove very useful. The Disability Bill which will be laid before Parliament makes provisions for persons with disabilities and is modelled on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. The overall aim of the Act is the improvement of lives of individuals with disabilities within society. It is therefore important for us to participate in forums which focus on the exchange of information, experience and how to constructively achieve good practices across all priority areas."