THE EUROPEAN OMBUDSMAN

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EUROPEAN OMBUDSMAN PRESENTS SPECIAL REPORT ON CODE OF GOOD ADMINISTRATIVE BEHAVIOUR

-European Ombudsman to hold a Press Conference tomorrow (Wednesday) to explain his proposal

The European Ombudsman, **Mr Jacob Söderman**, this afternoon presented the European Parliament's President, **Mrs Nicole Fontaine**, with a Special Report concerning progress towards the adoption of a Code of Good Administrative Behaviour by the institutions, bodies and agencies of the European Union. The Special Report recommends that Parliament initiate the adoption of a European administrative law to ensure that officials of all the Community institutions and bodies observe the same principles of good administrative behaviour in their relations with the public. The Special Report will be presented to the Parliament's Committee on Petitions on Monday 17 April 2000.

The Ombudsman's Special Report follows an inquiry by the Ombudsman that recommended to eighteen EU institutions, bodies and agencies that they should adopt a Code to set out the obligations of their officials when dealing with the public. The Ombudsman's inquiry was launched in November 1998. Since then, six out of eighteen organisations contacted have adopted a Code. The Ombudsman wants the Parliament to intervene to ensure that a European administrative law applies to all organisations concerned, in order for citizens to more easily achieve their rights.

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The Ombudsman will be holding a Press Conference to explain the proposal contained in his Special Report:

DATE	TIME	VENUE	INTERPRETATION
Wednesday 12 April 2000	15h00-15h30	LOW N-01.201 European Parliament Strasbourg	FULL

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