



**“Raising awareness on Unaccompanied Minors’ rights in Europe  
– Fighting disappearances”**

**Final Conference**

Brussels, 25 October 2010

*Residence Palace, Polak room - Rue de la loi 155, 1040 Brussels*

- 10.00 – 10.30 *Welcome of participants*
- 10.30 – 10.40 **Opening remarks**  
by Mr Bernd Hemingway, IOM Regional Representative – IOM MRF Brussels.
- 10.40 – 11.00 **Unaccompanied minors in Europe: a Priority of the Belgian EU Presidency**  
Presentation by Mr. Melchior Wathelet, Belgian State Secretary in charge of migration and asylum policy.
- 11.00 – 11.20 **Presentation of the EC Action Plan on Unaccompanied Minors, 2010-2014**  
Ms. Diane Schmitt, Head of Unit Immigration and Integration, European Commission, DG – Home Affairs.
- 11.20 – 11.30 Q & A session
- 11.30 – 11.50 *Coffee break*
- 11.50 – 12.10 **IOM policy & activities towards unaccompanied minors**  
Mr Pascal Reyntjens, Head of Unit – IOM MRF Brussels.  
Presentation of the project, the information campaign and the manual.
- 12.10 – 12.40 **National approach towards disappearances, access to rights and possible synergies – Presentations from national experts involved in the project:**  
Ms. Aleksandra Kowalczyk, Ministry of Labour and Social Policy, Poland;  
Mr. Günther Sablattnig, Ministry of Interior, Austria;  
Mr. Bernard Georis, Ministry of Justice/ Guardianship service, Belgium.
- 12.40 – 13.20 **Presentation of the Film “My Name Is” followed by a round-table discussion on unaccompanied minors’ rights and disappearances in the EU.**  
With Ms. Blanche Tax, Senior policy officer at UNHCR;  
Ms. Margaret Wachenfeld, Senior policy adviser at UNICEF;  
Ms. Rebecca O’Donnell, Policy and advocacy adviser, Save the Children.
- 13.20 **Closing remarks**  
by Sacha Chan Kam, Migration specialist - IOM Headquarters
- 13.30 – 14.30 *Lunch*