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Aula Magna, Libera Università di Lingue e Comunicazione (IULM) - Milan, Italy

(Venice 11 February 2011) This high-level regional meeting addressing the state of teaching philosophy and its challenges for Europe and North America at all levels of education, will be convened at the Aula Magna of the Libera Università di Lingue e Comunicazione (IULM) in Milan, Italy, from 14 to 16 February 2011.

This meeting is the last of a series launched by UNESCO in 2009 aimed at promoting philosophy teaching in the world. Discussions will address issues related to the mainstreaming and institutionalization of philosophy particularly for young students (elementary and secondary schools). It is expected that feasible recommendations will be elaborated for the actors responsible for education (i.e. Member States, National Commissions for UNESCO, philosophers, UNESCO, etc.), so that philosophy will be introduced into school curricula where it does not exist and improve the quality of teaching it where it does.

Mr Giovanni Puglisi, President of the Italian National Commission for UNESCO and Rector of the Libera Università di Lingue e Comunicazione, Ms Pilar Alvarez-Laso, the UNESCO Assistant Director-General for Social and Human Sciences, as well as various Italian experts and senior government representatives, will be attending the opening session. Mr Armando Massarenti (*Il Sole 24 Ore*) will be the moderator of the afternoon working session on 15 February 2011.

The UNESCO Venice Office is supporting the event in Milan and the participation of experts coming from the South-East European Region.

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