On the occasion of the International day of Human Rights and the launch of the 60th Human Rights Declaration anniversary celebration year, the Italian Presidency of the Ministers’ Council, Department for Rights and Equal Opportunities, organises an exhibition and two days event completely dedicated to political cartoons.

This universal and immediate language has demonstrated to be a powerful instrument to testimony daily the sad reality of Human Rights violation around the world as well as to promote fundamental Rights, freedom and dialogue between cultures.

This programme is inspired to the French cartoonist Plantu idea and concept “Cartooning for Peace”, born on October 16, 2006 at the UN Headquarters in New York.

It has been realized in coordination with the United Nations Regional Information Centre for Western Europe, with the precious support of Plantu and with the collaboration of the Municipality of Rome.

The programme includes three main segments.
Monday, 10th December 2007. 12.00
Press conference and exhibition official Opening

Auditorium Parco della Musica, “Sala degli ospiti”
Viale Pietro De Coubertin. Roma
(simultaneous interpretation French-English).

The press conference will be introduced by High representatives of the Italian government and the Municipality of Rome. The Exhibition “Vignette dal Mondo per I Diritti Umani” is located at Auditorium Parco della Musica, Museo Archeologico, and presents to the Italian public 70 political cartoons created and published by renowned cartoonists. They focus on fundamental rights, equality, freedom and dignity for all. During 2008, and within the framework of the 60° anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights celebration, the exhibition will be available for all public institutions that will undertake similar initiatives.

10th December 2007 to 10th January 2008
Free entrance
All days from 10.00 to 20.00 (including Christmas and New Year days).

Monday 10th December 2007. 15.00 - 18.00
Seminar: ”Pencils for Human Rights: a bitter smile”

Chamber of Deputies. Palazzo Marini – Conférence Hall
Via del Pozzetto, 158
(simultaneous interpretation French and English)

Hosted at the Italian Parliament palace and chaired by Mrs. Barbara Pollastrini, Minister for Rights and Equal Opportunities, the seminar will join 19 political cartoonists from different countries, national and international institutions representatives, Human Rights organisations, etc. The presentations will focus on the role of political cartoons for promoting freedom, Human and civil Rights and Peace as well as the relationship between political satyr and political power.
During the seminar, the UN Regional Centre for Western Europe will illustrate for the first time in Italy the web-site “knowyourrights2008”. This web site has been designed for promoting and linking European initiatives and projects carried out within the framework of the 60th Universal Human Rights Declaration anniversary.
Tuesday 11th December 2007. 10.00 - 13.00

Cartoonists meet Rome Universities Students

“La Sapienza” University - Odeion Room. Classical Art Museum.
Piazzale Aldo Moro, 5.
(simultaneous interpretation French and English)

The public debate is hosted by “La Sapienza” University and it is opened to Students from the three Rome Universities and specialised schools.

The President of “La Sapienza” University” will introduce the session. It will be facilitated by the Vice-Major of Rome Municipality, Prof. Jean Leaonard Touadi, journalist and University professor.

The discussion will mainly focus on press freedom and the role of political cartoonists for promoting fundamental rights. Professors and students will have the opportunity to hear professional and personal cartoonists experiences.

The UN campaign “Dignity and justice for all of us” and the web site “www.knowyourrights2008.org” will be presented and illustrated by the United Nations Regional Centre for Western Europe.

**Cartoonists at Rome event**

- Abu Arafeh, Palestine
- Altan, Italy
- Baghory, Egypt
- Danziger, United States
- Dilem, Algeria
- Ellekappa, Italy
- Ramize Erer, Turkey
- Gado, Kenya
- Giannelli, Italy
- Karimzadeh, Iran
- Kichka, Israel
- Krauze, United Kingdom
- Kroll, Belgium
- N’Rio, Japan
- Plantu, France
- Tom Scott, New Zealand
- Staino, Italy
- Ann Telnaes, United States
- Vauro, Italy