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Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men

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Hearing on abortion and its impact on women and girls in Europe

Rapporteur: Ms Wurm, Austria, SOC

Paris, Tuesday 27 February 2007 from 9.30 am to 4 pm

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- 9.30 am Opening of the hearing by the Chairperson of the Committee, Ms Gülsün Bilgehan (Turkey)
- 9.40 am Introductory statement by the Rapporteur, Ms Gisela Wurm (Austria)

The situation of women in pregnancy conflicts in Europe: overview

- 9.50 am Ms Vicky Claeys, Regional Director, International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) European Network office in Brussels
- 10.05 am Dr Christian Fiala, President of the International Federation of Professional Abortion and Contraception Associates, Austria
- 10.20 am Ms Anna Záborská, Chairperson of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality of the European Parliament
- 10.35 am Questions and discussion
- 11 am *Coffee break*

Access to safe and legal abortions: a right without limitations?

- 11.15 am Ms Anne Quesney, Director of "Abortion Rights", United Kingdom
- 11.30 am Dr Claudia Kaminski, President, "Aktion Lebensrecht für Alle", Germany
- 11.45 am Ms Hanne-Sophie Greve (Norway), former judge at the European Court of Human Rights
- 12 noon Questions and discussion
- 1 pm *Lunch break*

Avoiding abortions: sexuality education and full access to affordable contraception

- 2.30 pm Ms Katarina Lindahl, Secretary General of "RFSU" (the Swedish Association for Sexuality Education)
- 2.45 pm Mr Neil Datta, Inter-European Parliamentary Forum on Population and Development (IEPPFD)
- 3 pm Questions and discussion
- 3.50 pm Summing up by the Rapporteur, Mrs Gisela Wurm (Austria)
- 4 pm End of the hearing