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Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination

Revised draft agenda of the meeting to be held in Paris on Tuesday, 20 March 2012 from 9.30 am to 12.15 pm and from 2.00 to 5.30 pm

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(from 12.15 to 12.30 pm, meetings of the sub-committees to elect the respective bureaux)

1. **Agenda**
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Adoption of the revised draft agenda.
2. **Minutes**
[AS/Ega (2012) PV1; AS/Ega (2012) PVAdd]
 - Approval of the draft minutes of the meeting which took place in Strasbourg, from 23 to 26 January 2012;
 - approval of the draft minutes of the meeting of the Parliamentary Network women free from violence, which took place in Strasbourg, on 25 January 2012.

**This draft agenda, addressed to members of the Committee and their alternates,
is the convocation to the meeting**

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3. Statement by the Chairperson

[Statements; AS/Ega Inf (2012) 10]

4. Gender equality and the status of women in the Council of Europe southern neighbourhood

Rapporteur: Ms Saïdi, Belgium, SOC

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- Statement by the Rapporteur on her fact-finding visits to Morocco (15 – 18 February 2012) and Tunisia (19 – 21 February 2012);
- consideration and approval of a draft report; consideration and adoption of a preliminary draft resolution and a preliminary draft recommendation, in view of a debate during the April part-session 2012.

5. Hearing on racial discrimination

[Draft statement; draft motion]

On the eve of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, the Committee will hold a hearing with the participation of:

- Ms Barbara John, Chair of the Berlin welfare organisation *Paritätischer Wohlfahrtsverband* (Germany) and member of the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI);
- Mr Alexander Verkhovsky, Director, SOVA Center (Russian Federation).

6. Muslim women in Europe: for equal opportunities

Rapporteur: Ms Kyriakidou, Cyprus, SOC

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Consideration of a revised memorandum.

7. Invitations to hold a meeting outside Strasbourg and Paris in 2012

[letters]

Discussion and decision regarding invitations received from Albania and Azerbaijan.

8. Composition of sub-committees

[Lists]

Approval of the composition of sub-committees.

9. Council of Europe activities concerning Roma

Exchange of views with Mr Jeroen Schokkenbroek, Special Representative of the Secretary General for Roma issues.

10. Parental leave as a way to foster gender equality

Rapporteur: M. Andrea Rigoni, Italy, ALDE

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Consideration of an outline for a report.

11. Gender equality and the reconciliation of family and professional life

Rapporteur: Ms Quintanilla Barba, Spain, EPP/CD

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Statement by the Rapporteur.

12. Work programme

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Exchange of views.

13. Appointment of Rapporteurs

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The Committee should appoint:

- a General Rapporteur on the rights of LGBTs;
- a rapporteur for opinion on the Evaluation of the partnership for democracy with the Parliament of Morocco (Rapporteur of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy: Mr Volonté, Italy, EPP/CD);
- a rapporteur for opinion on the Evaluation of the partnership for democracy with the Palestinian National Council (Rapporteur of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy: Mr Tiny Kox, Netherlands, UEL).

14. Appointment of representatives to external events

[programme]

Appointment of a representative to participate in the Roundtable on combating trafficking in human beings organised by the Council of Europe, the OSCE and the CIS Inter-Parliamentary Assembly in Saint Petersburg (Russian Federation) on 18 April 2012.

15. Feed-back from members' participation in external events

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Statement by Ms Quintanilla Barba on her participation in the 56th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) and a number of side events, including a Council of Europe event on violence against women (27 February 2012) and a parliamentary event organised by the Inter-parliamentary Union on Empowering rural women: what role for parliaments (29 February 2012), New York.

16. Other business

17. Date and place of next meetings

- Strasbourg, during the 2012, 2nd part session of the Assembly (23-27 April);
- Paris, Tirana or Baku (*place to be decided*), 4 – 5 June 2012;
- Strasbourg, during the 2012, 3rd part session of the Assembly (25-29 June);
- Paris, 10 September 2012;
- Strasbourg, during the 2012, 4th part session of the Assembly (1-5 October)
- Paris, 15 November 2012