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Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination

Revised draft agenda for the meeting to be held in Warsaw (Sejm, ul. Wiejska 4/6/8)

on Monday 18 March 2013, from 9 am to 12.30 pm and from 2 pm to 5.30 pm
and on Tuesday 19 March 2013 from 9 am to 4.30 pm¹

Monday, 18 March 2013

1. **Agenda**

[AS/Ega (2013) OJ 02rev02]

Adoption of the revised draft agenda.

2. **Minutes**

[AS/Ega (2013) PV 01]

Approval of the draft minutes of the meeting held in Strasbourg during the January 2013 part-session.

3. **Ending discrimination against Roma children**

Rapporteur: Ms Nursuna Memecan, Turkey, ALDE

[AS/Ega (2013) 07]

Consideration of a draft report; adoption of a preliminary draft resolution.

¹ On both days, interpretation will be provided in English, French, German, Italian, Russian and Polish.

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

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and of political groups*

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4. Parental leave as a way to foster gender equality

Rapporteur: Mr Andrea Rigoni, Italy, ALDE

[AS/Ega/Inf (2013) 07; AS/EGA (2013) 10]

- Statement by the Rapporteur following his visit to Stockholm (Sweden), 29-30 January 2013;
- Consideration of a draft report; adoption of a preliminary draft resolution.

5. International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (21 March)

- Exchange of views with Mr Alexei Avtonomov, Chairperson of the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD);
- Approval of a draft statement.

6. ODIHR's activities in the area of equality and non-discrimination

Exchange of views with Ambassador Janez Lenarčič, Director of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (OSCE/ODIHR)

7. The situation and rights of traditional national minorities in Europe

Rapporteur: Mr Ferenc Kalmár, Hungary, EPP/CD

[AS/Ega (2013) 14]

Consideration of a memorandum.

12.30 – 2.00 Lunch

8. Exchange of views with the Polish authorities

Topics: anti-discrimination law and policy; gender equality; the situation of Roma and national minorities; discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity.

9. Criminalising the purchase of sex to combat the trafficking of people for sexual exploitation

Rapporteur: Mr José Mendes Bota, Portugal, EPP/CD

[AS/Ega (2013) 11]

Consideration of a memorandum.

10. Violence against women

General Rapporteur: Mr José Mendes Bota, Portugal, EPP/CD

[AS/Ega (2013) 15]

- Report back on the 57th meeting of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), New York, 4-6 March 2013;
- Exchange of views on the basis of a memorandum;
- Approval of a motion to be tabled on behalf of the Committee.

11. Stalking

Rapporteur: Ms Gisela Wurm, Austria, SOC

[AS/Ega (2013) 09]

Consideration of a revised preliminary draft report.

12. So-called "honour" crimes in North Caucasus

Rapporteur: Ms Tina Acketoft, Sweden, ALDE

[AS/Ega (2013) 18]

Statement by the Rapporteur.

13. Tackling discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity

Rapporteur: Mr Håkon Haugli, Norway, SOC

[AS/Ega/Inf (2013) 06; AS/Ega (2013) 17]

- Statement by the Rapporteur following his visit to Budapest (Hungary), 28 February – 1 March 2013;
- Consideration and declassification of a revised memorandum.

14. Future work

[AS/Ega/Inf (2013) 01 rev; Doc 13003]

- Follow-up to be given to the motion for a resolution on “Visa policy – protection of public order or discrimination on the basis of nationality?”
- Exchange of views on the work programme.

15. Appointment of representatives

Representatives to be appointed for the meeting of the Commission on Gender Equality (GEC), which will be held on 10 to 12 April 2013 and on 13 to 15 November 2013

16. Meetings in 2013

- Exchange of views and decision on the invitation by the delegation of Spain to hold a meeting of the Committee in Madrid in 2013;
- Exchange of views on the invitation by the delegation of Azerbaijan to hold a meeting of the sub-committee on racism and xenophobia in Baku in 2013.

17. Other business

18. Dates and places of the next meetings of the Committee

- Strasbourg, during the 2nd part-session 2013 of the Assembly (22-26 April),
- Strasbourg, during the 3rd part-session 2013 of the Assembly (24-28 June),
- Paris, 11 September 2013,
- Strasbourg, during the 4th part-session 2013 of the Assembly (30 September – 4 October),
- Paris, 5-6 December 2013.

Tuesday 19 March 2013

Freedom of expression for LGBT people

Conference organised by the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe in co-operation with the Sejm²

Draft programme

8.30-9.00 Registration of participants

Chair of the Conference: Ms Tina Acketoft (Sweden, ALDE), Chairperson of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination

9.00-9.45 **Opening session**

Welcome: Ms Ewa Kopacz, Speaker of the Polish Parliament (Sejm) (tbc)

Speakers:

- Ms Agnieszka Kozłowska-Rajewicz, Secretary of State, Government Plenipotentiary for Equal Treatment, Poland
- Ms Snezana Samardzic-Markovic, Director General, Directorate General of Democracy, Council of Europe (tbc)
- Mr Jan Jařab, Regional Representative, OHCHR Regional Office for Europe, Brussels

9.45-10.45 **Session 1: Freedom of expression**

Speakers:

- Sir Nicolas Bratza, former President of the European Court of Human Rights
- Ms Evelynne Paradis, Executive Director of ILGA-Europe

Testimony: Ms Polina Savchenko, Coming Out, St. Petersburg

Debate

10.45-11.00 Coffee break

11.00-12.30 **Session 2: Freedom of assembly**

Speakers:

- Ms Finola Flanagan, Law reform commissioner of Ireland, member of the European Commission on Democracy through Law (Venice Commission)
- Mr Robert Biedroń, member of the Polish delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, Vice-Chair of the Committee on Justice and Human Rights of the Sejm

² Conference open to the press and the public, subject to applications being submitted in advance and to the availability of places.

Testimony: Mr Goran Miletić, Programme Director for the Western Balkans, Civil Rights Defenders, Serbia

Debate

12.30-2.30 Working lunch

Participants are free to join informal thematic tables, moderated by parliamentarians and animated by experts

2.30-4.00 **Session 3: Tackling homophobic speech and violence**

Speakers:

- Ms Birgitta Ohlsson, Minister for European Affairs, Sweden
- Ms Barbora Bukovská, Senior Director for Law and Policy, Article 19
- Ms Calliope Spanou, Ombudsperson, Greece

Testimony: Ms Jasmine O'Connor, Stonewall, United Kingdom

Debate

4-4.30 **Conclusions:**

- Reporting back on the lunch discussions
- Wrapping up and recommendations by Mr Håkon Haugli, Rapporteur on tackling discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity