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Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination

Revised draft agenda for the meeting to be held in Madrid

Congreso de los Diputados
Corner of Calle de Cedaceros / Carrera de San Jerónimo
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on Monday 16 September 2013, from 9.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. (joint meeting of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination and the Parliamentary Network *Women Free from Violence*)

and on Tuesday 17 September 2013 from 9.30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Monday, 16 September 2013

1. **Agenda**

[AS/Ega (2013) OJ 06 rev3]

Adoption of the revised draft agenda.

2. **Minutes**

[AS/Ega (2013) PV 05]

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

**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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3. Welcome address by the Spanish authorities

- Ms Celia Villalobos, Vice-Speaker of the Congress of Deputies,
- Mr José M^a Beneyto, Chairperson of the Spanish delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe,
- Ms Carmen Quintanilla Barba, Chairperson of the Committee on Equality of the Congress of Deputies.

4. Gender equality in Spain: current situation and perspectives

Exchange of views with Ms Carmen Plaza, Director General for Equal Opportunities, Ministry for Health, Social Services and Equality, Director of the Spanish Institute for Women's Affairs

11 a.m. – 11.20 a.m. Coffee break

5. Hearing on 'The economic dimensions of violence against women'

Exchange of views with Ms Blanca Hernández, Spanish Government Commissioner for Gender-based Violence;

Economic violence, a form of domestic violence; presentation by Mr Javier Truchero, lawyer, former representative of Spain at the Ad hoc Committee on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (CAHVIO);

The cost of violence against women for employers; presentation by Ms Melissa Morbeck, Executive Director of the Corporate Alliance Against Domestic Violence (CAADV).

1 p.m. – 2.30 p.m. Lunch break

From 2.30 p.m. – to 4.30 p.m.: Meeting of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination

6. Prostitution and human trafficking in Europe

Rapporteur: Mr Mendes Bota, Portugal, EPP/CD
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- Exchange of views with Mr Jorge Fernández Díaz, Minister for Home Affairs, Spain;
- Consideration of a preliminary draft report.

7. Tackling racism in the police

Rapporteur: Mr David Davies, United Kingdom, EDG
[AS/Ega (2013) 34]

Consideration of a revised memorandum.

8. A strategy to prevent racism and intolerance in Europe

Rapporteur: Mr Jonas Gunnarsson, Sweden, SOC
[AS/Ega (2013) 35]

Consideration of an outline for a report.

9. Violence against women in Europe

Rapporteur: Mr José Mendes Bota, Portugal, EPP/CD
[AS/Ega (2013) 32]

Consideration of a preliminary draft report.

SOCIAL PROGRAMME

4.30 pm *Departure to Toledo by bus*

Welcome by Ms Maria Dolores Cospedal, President of the Regional Government of Castilla-La Mancha

6.30 pm *Reception followed by dinner hosted by Mr Vicente Tirado, Speaker of the Regional Parliament of Castilla-La Mancha*

10.00 pm *Return to Madrid*

Tuesday, 17 September 2013

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

Rapporteur: Mr Ferenc Kalmár, Hungary, EPP/CD
[AS/Ega (2013) 36]

Consideration of a revised memorandum;

Hearing on minorities and language rights, with the participation of:

- Ms Athanasia Spiliopoulou Åkermark, President of the Advisory Committee on the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities;
- Mr Stefan Oeter, Chair of the Committee of Experts of the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages;

Discussion on the Spanish language policy, with the participation of:

- Mr Rafael Rodríguez Ponga, Secretary General of Instituto Cervantes;
- Mr Fernando Rey Martínez, President of the Council for the promotion of equal treatment and non-discrimination on the grounds of racial or ethnic origin.

11. So-called “honour” crimes in the North Caucasus

Rapporteur: Ms Tina Acketoft, Sweden, ALDE
[AS/Ega (2013) 33]

Consideration of a memorandum.

12. Feedback on members’ participation in external events

- Ms Carmen Quintanilla Barba (Spain, EPP/CD) reporting back on her participation in the 2nd meeting of the Committee of Experts on the Rights of People with Disabilities (CS-RPD) held on 12-14 June 2013 in Strasbourg;
- Mr David Davies (United Kingdom, EDG) and Mr Boriss Cilevičs (Latvia, SOC), reporting back on their participation to the meetings of the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI) held in Strasbourg respectively from 20 to 22 March 2013 and from 18 to 21 June 2013.

13. Future work

[AS/Ega/Inf (2013) 01 rev 5; AS/Ega (2013) OJ 07]

- Exchange of views on the work programme;
- Consideration of the agenda for the next meeting.

14. Legislation on same-sex marriage in Spain

Exchange of views with the participation of Mr Ronny de la Cruz Carbonel, Vice-president, COGAM Colectivo LGBT of Madrid.

15. Appointment of rapporteurs

a) for report

- on *"Equality and the crisis"* (Doc. 13202);
- on *"The situation of women in emerging democracies following the Arab revolutions"* (Doc. 13218);

b) for opinion

- on *"Counteraction to manifestations of neo-Nazism and xenophobia"* (Doc. 12661) following the resignation of Mr Boris Shpigel (Russian Federation, EDG);

c) General Rapporteur

- on the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people (LGBTs) following the resignation of Mr Håkon Haugli (Norway, SOC);

d) Expressions of interest (appointment in October)

- on *"Equality and inclusion for people with disabilities"* (Doc. 13256);
- on *"Discrimination against transgender people in Europe"* (Doc.13257).

16. Appointment of representatives

- Conference on the Employment of persons with disabilities: Raising awareness & employment opportunities on 27-28 September 2013 in Istanbul, at the organisers' cost;
- Seminar on the participation of women in political life organised by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe at the invitation of the Moroccan Parliament on 30 October 2013 in Rabat;
- 6th Session of the Forum on Minority Issues on 26-27 November 2013 in Geneva;
- World Forum for Democracy on "Re-wiring Democracy: connecting institutions and citizens in the digital age" on 27-29 November 2013 in Strasbourg;
- Hearing on "Access to justice for women victims of violence" organised by the Gender Equality Commission of the Council of Europe in partnership with the French authorities on 9 December 2013 in Paris.

17. Other business

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

- Strasbourg, during the 4th Part-Session 2013 of the Assembly (30 September - 4 October 2013),
- Paris, 5 December 2013,
- Strasbourg, during the 1st Part-Session 2014 of the Assembly (27 - 31 January 2014).

4 pm Closing address by Mr Juan Manuel Moreno, Secretary of State for Social Affairs and Equality