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Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination

Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence

Draft agenda (revised)

of the meeting to be held by videoconference
on Monday, 13 December 2021, from 10am to 12:30pm and from 2pm to 4:30pm (CET)

1. **Agenda**

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Adoption of the draft agenda.

2. **Minutes**

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Approval of the draft minutes of the meeting held jointly with the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination on 21 June 2021.

3. **Conference on *Mobilising political forces to prevent and combat violence against women***

10am **Opening session**

Welcoming remarks by Ms Zita Gurmai, General Rapporteur on violence against women and Coordinator of the Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence

10:10am **Session 1: Supporting the implementation of the Istanbul Convention**

Guest Speakers:

- Ms Iris Luarasi, President of the Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence
- Ms Alia El Yassir, UN Women Regional Director for Europe and Central Asia
- Ms Andreia Lourenço Marques, Chair of the Council of Europe's Gender Equality Commission

10:40am Discussion

This draft agenda, addressed to members of the Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence is the convocation to the meeting

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11:20am **Session 2: Political action to counter attacks against the Istanbul Convention**

Guest Speakers:

- Senator Fiona O'Loughlin, Chair of the Irish delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
- Ms Reem Alsalem, United Nations Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences
- Mr Neil Datta, Secretary of the European Parliamentary Forum for Sexual and Reproductive Rights

11.50am Discussion

12:30pm *Break*

2pm **Session 3: Promoting cooperation between politicians and civil society to prevent and combat violence against women**

Moderator: Ms Marja Ruotanen, Director, PACE Directorate II, Human Dignity and Sustainable Development

Guest Speakers:

- Ambassador Andrej Slapničar, Permanent Representative of Slovenia to the Council of Europe, incoming Vice-Chair of the Bureau of the Committee of the Parties to the Istanbul Convention
- Ms Marcella Pirrone, President, Women Against Violence Europe
- Ms Hillary Margolis, Senior Researcher, Women's Rights Division, Human Rights Watch
- Ms Réka Sáfrány, President, European Women's Lobby
- Ms Veronica Vition, Board member, Women Against Violence Europe

3pm Discussion

4pm **Closing session**

Closing comments and wrapping up.