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Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination

Mandate of the General rapporteur on violence against women¹

Denomination: General rapporteur on violence against women.

Term of office: one year renewable, subject to a maximum of two years.

Subject: it is the duty of the general rapporteur on violence against women to intervene in the area of violence against women, in all its different forms, including domestic violence, particularly as regards the prevention of violence against women, assistance to the victims, prosecution of the perpetrators and integrated policies.

Responsibilities: the general rapporteur contributes to raising awareness on the phenomenon of violence against women, following relevant developments in Council of Europe member states and promoting the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence. He or she shall report periodically to the committee on the information collected and the action taken.

The general rapporteur on violence against women also ensures the political co-ordination of the PACE Network of contact parliamentarians committed to combating violence against women.²

In addition, the role of the general rapporteur is to:

- follow activities and maintain working relations with relevant Council of Europe intergovernmental bodies dealing with violence against women, including those which may be set up in the context of the;
- follow activities and maintain working relations with external bodies and institutions active in the same area, be they governmental or non-governmental organisations;
- represent the committee on behalf of the Assembly vis-à-vis the Committee of the Parties of the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence, once it is set up;
- follow up Assembly Resolution 1635 and Recommendation 1847 (2008) on “Combating violence against women”; Resolution 1852 (2011) on “Psychological violence”; Resolution 1853 (2011) on “Protection orders for victims of domestic violence” and Resolution 1861 (2012) on “Promoting the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence”.

¹ Approved by the Standing Committee on 9 March 2012.

² Note by the Secretariat: the current title of the network is “Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence”.