

**TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON
EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN AND MEN**

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The Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men, meeting in Strasbourg on 26 September 2002 with Ms Err (Luxembourg, SOC) in the Chair:

At the *Joint meeting with the Committee on Women's Rights and Equal Opportunities of the European Parliament*:

- Held an exchange of views on *the role played by women in the prevention and resolution of conflicts and in post-conflict reconstruction and reconciliation* (Rapporteur: Ms Cliveti, Romania, SOC);
- Heard a testimony from a young Iranian woman on the situation in her country;

And, as regards:

- *Domestic violence* (Rapporteur: Ms Keltosova, Slovakia, EDG): considered and took position on the amendments ;
- *Situation of women in Afghanistan*: adopted a statement;
- *Appointment of representatives to meetings organised by other bodies*:
 - Ms Cliveti (Romania, SOC) to take part in the *Citizens Forum "NGOs-key players in democratic governance" organised jointly by the NGOs Unit, Directorate General of Political Affairs and the Integrated Project "Making democratic institutions work" of the Council of Europe, Strasbourg, 4–5 November 2002*;
- *Appointment of rapporteurs*:
 - Ms Cliveti (Romania, SOC) on *European women's participation in decision-making*

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- Ms Zwerver (Netherlands, SOC) on *Free choice of contraception in Europe* and decided to merge this report with the one on *Impact of the reinstatement of the Mexico City Policy by President Bush of the United States of America*;
- *Its references*: decided to request a one-year extension of the deadline for the following reports:
 - Reference N° 2555 of 9.11.00: European women's participation in decision-making,
 - Reference N° 2556 of 9.11.00: Equal representation in the public administration,
 - Reference N° 2571 of 26.1.01: Women and micro-loans
- *Meeting of the Committee in The Hague (14-15 November 2002)*: held an exchange of views on the preliminary draft programme;
- *Next meetings*: decided to meet in:
 - The Hague (Netherlands), 14-15 November 2002

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