

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

Secretariat of the Parliamentary Assembly  
Synopsis No. 2003/110  
2 October 2003

**The Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men**, meeting in Strasbourg on 29 and 30 September and on 1 October 2003 with Mrs Err (Luxembourg, SOC) in the Chair:

As regards:

- *Family mediation and equality of the sexes* (Rapporteur: Ms Err, Luxembourg, SOC): considered, amended and adopted a draft recommendation with a view to its presentation at the Standing Committee in Maastricht on 25 November 2003;
- *Impact of the "Mexico City Policy" on the free choice of contraception in Europe* (Rapporteur: Mrs Zwerver, Netherlands, SOC): considered and took position on the amendment tabled;
- *The situation of women in the countries of post-communism transition* (Rapporteur: Mrs Kósa-Kóvács, Hungary, SOC) : considered, amended and adopted a draft recommendation with a view to its presentation during the January 2004 part-session of the Assembly;
- *External relations of the Parliamentary Assembly*: heard a statement by the Chairperson, considered a non-paper prepared by the Chairperson, held an exchange of views and instructed the Chairperson to inform the President and the Bureau of the Committee's stance on the issue;
- *Relations with the European Parliament*: heard a statement by the Chairperson and held an exchange of views;
- *Equal opportunities and nationality rights* (Rapporteur: Mrs Aguiar, Portugal, EPP/CD) : considered a revised outline report and decided to extend the delay for reply to the questionnaire by member and observer states until 15 October 2003;
- *Domestic slavery* (Rapporteur: Mr Gaburro, Italy, EPP/CD) : considered an outline report, decided to change the title as follows: *Domestic slavery: servitude, au pairs and mail-order brides*, and encouraged the Sub-Committee on Violence towards women to organise a colloquy/hearing on the subject as soon as possible;
- *Statement by representatives at meetings organised by other bodies*: heard statements by :
  - Mrs Čurdová (Czech Republic, SOC) on the Seminar on "*Implementation in Georgia of the Recommendation on balanced participation of women and men to political and public decision making : more women in Parliament*" organised by the Council of Europe, Tbilissi (Georgia), 10-11 July 2003 ;

---

cc Secretary General of the Assembly  
Directors of the Assembly  
All staff of the Secretariat of the Assembly  
Secretaries of National Delegations to the Assembly  
Secretaries of Political Groups of the Assembly

Director Generals  
Director of the Private Office of the Secretary General  
Director of Communication and Research  
Secretary to the Committee of Ministers  
Permanent Representations to the Council of Europe

- Mrs Err (Luxembourg, SOC) and Mr Mooney (Ireland, LDR) on the *Seminar on the participation of young women in political life*, Strasbourg, 16-17 September 2003;
- Mrs Čurdová (Czech Republic, SOC) on the *ad hoc Committee on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (CAHTEH)*, Strasbourg, 15-17 September 2003;
- *Appointment of rapporteurs*: appointed
  - Mrs Damanaki (Greece, UEL) on *Women and religion in Europe*;
  - Mrs Aguiar (Portugal, EPP/CD) on *Discrimination against women and girls in sport*;
  - Mrs Cliveti (Romania, SOC) on *Mechanisms to promote gender equality in practice and women's participation in decision-making*;
  - Mr Branger (France, EDG) on *Campaign to combat domestic violence in Europe*;
- *Appointment of representatives to meetings organised by other bodies*: appointed
  - Mrs Damanaki (Greece, UEL) to represent the Committee at the Seminar "*Women's rights in the Euro-Mediterranean Region: Laws, Religions and Traditions*" organised by the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe, Strasbourg, 13-14 October 2003;
  - Mrs Err (Luxembourg, SOC) to represent the Committee at the Seminar "*From Commitment to Action – Implementation of CEDAW in Central and Eastern Europe*" jointly organised by UNIFEM and the Government of Croatia, Dubrovnik, 25-26 October 2003;
- *Membership of the Sub-Committee on Violence towards women*: appointed as additional members:
  - Mr Baburin (Ukraine, UEL)
  - Mrs Čurdová (Czech Republic, SOC)
- *Next meetings*: decided to meet in:
  - Paris (Council of Europe Office), Friday 14 November 2003 at 9.30 am;
  - Paris (Council of Europe Office), Friday 9 January 2004 at 9.30 am
  - Strasbourg, during the 1<sup>st</sup> part-session of the 2004 ordinary session (26-30 January).

\*\*\*\*\*

**The Sub-Committee on Violence towards women**, meeting in Strasbourg on 1 October 2003 with first Mr Gaburro (Italy, EPP/CD), senior member present and then Mrs Cliveti (Romania, SOC) in the Chair:

- elected Mrs Cliveti (Romania, SOC) Chairperson by acclamation;
- elected Mrs Čurdová (Czech Republic, SOC) Vice-Chairperson by acclamation;

as regards:

- *Domestic slavery* (Rapporteur: Mr Gaburro, Italy, EPP/CD) : decided to organise a colloquy/hearing on this subject on Monday 15 December 2003 in Verona (Italy) (*to be confirmed; subject to the Bureau's authorisation*);
- *Next meetings*: decided to meet in:
  - Paris (Council of Europe Office), on Friday 14 November 2003 from 9 to 9.30 am
  - Verona (Italy), on Monday 15 December 2003 (to be confirmed) - *subject to the Bureau's authorisation* -

Tanja Kleinsorge / Olga Kostenko