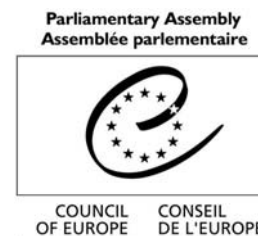


# Parliamentary Assembly Assemblée parlementaire



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

Secretariat of the Parliamentary Assembly  
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**The Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men**, meeting in Paris on 14 November 2003 with Mrs Err (Luxembourg, SOC) in the Chair:

As regards:

- *Work of the Steering Committee on equality between women and men (CDEG)*: held an exchange of views with Ms Sissel SALOMON (Norway), member of the CDEG Bureau and decided to set up a monitoring group to follow up the implementation of the Resolution 1348 (2003) on gender-balanced representation in the Assembly ;
- *The role played by women in the prevention and resolution of conflicts and in post-conflict reconstruction and reconciliation* (Rapporteur: Ms Cliveti, Romania, SOC): held an exchange of views in the absence of the Rapporteur, decided to inform the President of the Assembly of its wish that the item not be included in the draft agenda of the January 2004 part-session, and be put on the draft agenda of the April 2004 part-session instead; decided to organise a colloquy on this issue with a number of NGO representatives during the January 2004 part-session and decided to ask the permission of the Bureau for this colloquy to be held at the end of the sitting on 27 or 28 January 2004;
- *Gays and lesbians in sports* (Rapporteur for opinion: Mrs Kósa-Kóvács, Hungary, SOC): approved the written opinion presented by the Rapporteur, including one amendment to the draft recommendation tabled by the Committee on Culture, Science and Education;
- *Women's participation in elections* (Rapporteur: Mr Mooney, Ireland, LDR) : considered the expert paper prepared by Ms Maedhbh McNamara (Ireland), and held an exchange of views with the expert;
- *Equal opportunities and nationality rights* (Rapporteur: Mrs Aguiar, Portugal, EPP/CD): considered an introductory memorandum and asked the Rapporteur to present a draft report at one of its next meetings;
- *Sub-Committee on Violence towards women*
  - heard a statement by the Vice-Chairperson of the Sub-Committee, Mrs Čurdová (Czech Republic, SOC), on the meetings held on 1 October and on 14 November 2003 and, following the sub-committee proposal, decided to hold a colloquy on *Domestic slavery : servitude, au pairs and mail-order brides* on 11-12 March 2004 in Paris;

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- appointed Ms Lintonen (Finland, SOC) as a new member of the Sub-Committee;
- *External relations of the Parliamentary Assembly*: decided to postpone this item to its next meeting;
- *Statement by representatives at meetings organised by other bodies*: heard a statement by Mrs Err (Luxembourg, SOC) on the *Conference "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;
- *Appointment of representatives to meetings organised by other bodies*, appointed:
  - Mrs Aguiar (Portugal, EPP/CD) to the *Annual Conference of the Network of Parliamentary Committees for Equal Opportunities of the Parliaments of EU Member States and of the European Parliament (N.C.E.O.)*, Rome, 21 November 2003;
  - Mrs Aguiar (Portugal, EPP/CD) to the *29<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Steering Committee on equality between women and men (CDEG)*, Strasbourg, 3-5 December 2003;
  - Mrs Err (Luxembourg, SOC) to the *2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the ad hoc Committee on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (CAHTEH)*, Strasbourg, 8-10 December 2003.
- *Next meetings*: decided to meet in:
  - Paris (Council of Europe Office), Friday 9 January 2004 at 9.30 am
  - Strasbourg, during the 1<sup>st</sup> part of the 2004 ordinary session (26-30 January);
  - Paris (Council of Europe Office), Thursday 11 and Friday 12 March 2004;
  - Paris, Monday, 5 April 2004 (to be confirmed);
  - Strasbourg, during the 2<sup>nd</sup> part of the 2004 ordinary session (26-30 April);
  - Prague (Czech Republic), 22-25 May 2004 (to be confirmed) – *subject to the authorisation of the Bureau*

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**The Sub-Committee on Violence against Women**, meeting on 14 November 2003 in Paris with Mrs Čurdová (Czech Republic, SOC), Vice-Chairperson, in the Chair:

as regards:

- *Domestic slavery : servitude, au pairs and mail-order brides* (Rapporteur: Mr Gaburro, Italy, EPP/CD) : decided to suggest to the Plenary Committee to organise a colloquy on this subject in Paris on Thursday 11 in the afternoon and on Friday 12 March 2004;
- *Next meetings*: decided to meet in:
  - Strasbourg, during the 1<sup>st</sup> part-session of the 2004 ordinary session (26-30 January).

Tanja Kleinsorge / Olga Kostenko