

**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 Paris on 9 January 2004 with Mrs Mikutienė (Lithuania, LDR), 2nd Vice-Chairperson in the Chair:

As regards:

- *Equal opportunities and nationality rights* (Rapporteur: Mrs Aguiar, Portugal, EPP/CD): considered a draft report (first reading);
- *Conflict prevention and resolution: the role of women* (Rapporteur: Ms Cliveti, Romania, SOC): approved the programme of the open colloquy which will be held during the up-coming part-session, on Tuesday, 27 January 2004 at the end of the sitting (from 7 pm to 9 pm);
- *Domestic slavery: servitude, au pairs and mail-order brides* (Rapporteur : Mr Gaburro, Italy, EPP/CD): considered an introductory memorandum and prepared the colloquy on the subject which will be held in Paris on 11-12 March 2004;
- *Campaign to combat domestic violence in Europe* (Rapporteur: Mr Branger, France, EDG): considered an outline report and decided to organise a hearing on the subject during its meeting in Prague on 24-25 May 2004;
- *External relations of the Parliamentary Assembly*: took note of the non-paper prepared by the Chairperson and decided to come back to the issue at its next meeting;
- *Implementation of Resolution 1348 (2003) on gender-balanced representation in the Parliamentary Assembly*: heard a statement by the 2nd Vice-Chairperson, appointed Mrs Hägg (Sweden, SOC) a member of its working group on the topic, and decided to hold a meeting before the start of the January 2004 part-session, in Strasbourg on Monday, 26 January 2004 at 2 pm, to prepare any action that might prove necessary;
- *Involvement of men and young men in reproductive health* (Rapporteur: Mrs Zapfl-Helbling, Switzerland, EPP/CD): considered an outline report;
- *Appointment of rapporteurs*: appointed
 - Mrs Čurdová (Czech Republic, SOC) for report on “Discrimination against women in the workforce and the workplace”;

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- Mrs Aguiar (Portugal, EPP/CD) for report on “Women and religion in Europe”;
 - Mrs Zapfl-Helbling (Switzerland, EPP/CD) for report on “Forced marriages and child marriages”;
 - Mrs Čurdová (Czech Republic, SOC) for opinion on “Social and health issues related to surrogate motherhood”;
- *Statement by representatives at meetings organised by other bodies:* heard statements by Mrs Aguiar (Portugal, EPP/CD) on:
- 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;
 - the 29th meeting of the Steering Committee on equality between women and men (CDEG), Strasbourg, 3-5 December 2003;
- *Next meetings:* decided to meet in:
- Strasbourg, during the 1st part of the 2004 ordinary session (26-30 January);
 - Paris (Council of Europe Office), Thursday 11 and Friday 12 March 2004;
 - Paris (Council of Europe Office), Monday, 5 April 2004;
 - Strasbourg, during the 2nd part of the 2004 ordinary session (26-30 April);
 - Prague (Czech Republic), 22-25 May 2004 – *subject to the authorisation of the Bureau*

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