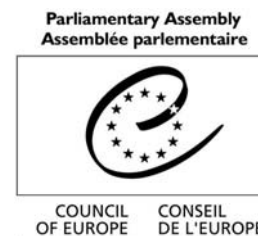


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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN AND MEN

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The Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men, meeting in Strasbourg on 26 January 2004 at 2 pm with Mrs Aguiar (Portugal, EPP/CD), 1st Vice-Chairperson in the Chair:

As regards:

- *Implementation of Resolution 1348 (2003) on gender-balanced representation in the Parliamentary Assembly*: decided unanimously (with one abstention) to challenge the credentials of the Irish and Maltese delegations on the grounds of their all-male composition (Rule 7.1.b of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure), and instructed its 1st Vice-Chairperson to present this challenge at the opening of the session;
- *External relations of the Parliamentary Assembly*: approved a non-paper prepared by the Committee's Chairperson and decided to inform the President and the Bureau of the Assembly of the Committee's stance on the issue;
- *Candidates to the European Court of Human Rights* (Rapporteur for opinion: Ms Cliveti, Romania, SOC): considered and unanimously approved the opinion prepared by the Rapporteur, including six amendments to the draft recommendation and draft resolution, to be tabled on behalf of the Committee;
- *Next meetings*: decided to meet in:
 - Strasbourg, 26 January at 7.50 pm and 27 January 2004, 2 pm;
 - Paris (Council of Europe Office), Thursday 11 (morning);
 - Paris (Council of Europe Office), Thursday, 11 March 2004 (afternoon) and Friday, 12 March 2004 (morning): colloquy on domestic slavery: servitude, au pairs and "mail-order brides";
 - 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;
 - Strasbourg, during the 2004 3rd part-session of the Assembly (21-25 June).

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