



**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 22 and 23 June 2004 with Mrs Cliveti (Romania, SOC) in the Chair:

As regards,

- *Domestic slavery: servitude, au pairs and mail-order brides* (Rapporteur: Mr Gaburro, Italy, EPP/CD): considered and took position on the amendments tabled to the draft recommendation, and heard testimony by Ms Mary Parmar, victim of domestic slavery and by Ms Sheela Valavi, project worker with the NGO "Kalayaan" (United Kingdom);
- *Conflict prevention and resolution: the role of women* (Rapporteuse: Ms Cliveti, Romania, SOC): considered and took position on the amendment tabled to the draft recommendation;
- *Discrimination against women and girls in sport* (Rapporteuse: Mrs Aguiar, Portugal, EPP/CD): considered an introductory memorandum and asked the Rapporteuse to prepare a draft questionnaire to national delegations on this issue for consideration at the Committee's next meeting;
- *Women and religion in Europe* (Rapporteur: Mrs Aguiar, Portugal, EPP/CD) : considered an outline report and confirmed its decision to organise a hearing on the subject at the Committee's next meeting;
- *Appointment of representatives to meetings organised by other bodies*: appointed:
 - Mrs Vermot-Mangold (Switzerland, SOC) to take part in the 5th meeting of the *ad hoc Committee on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (CAHTEH)*, Strasbourg, 29 June – 2 July 2004;
- *The composition of its sub-committees*: appointed the following new members :
 - Sub-committee on equal participation of women and men in decision-making: Mrs Smirnova (Russia, EDG) substitute: Ms Oskina (Russia, EDG); Mr Branger (France, EPP/CD);
 - Sub-committee on violence against women: Mrs Stantcheva (Bulgaria, LDR);
- *Sub-committee on equal participation of women and men in decision-making*: was informed of the results of the meeting of the sub-committee held on Monday 21 June 2004, and decided to ask the Bureau for authorisation to organise a meeting of women members of the Assembly to further debate the contribution they can and want to make to the work of the Assembly, to take place during the 4th part-session of the Assembly (4-8 October 2004) - preferably on Tuesday, 5 October 2004, at the end of the Assembly sitting;

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Secretaries of Political Groups of the Assembly

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Director of the Private Office of the Secretary General
Director of Communication and Research
Secretary to the Committee of Ministers
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- *Next meetings*: decided to meet in:
 - Paris (Council of Europe Office), Friday 10 September 2004;
 - Strasbourg, during the 2004 4th part-session of the Assembly (4-8 October);
 - Paris (Council of Europe Office), Friday 10 December 2004 ;
 - Paris (Council of Europe Office), Friday 14 January 2005 (*to be confirmed*).

The Sub-committee on equal participation of women and men in decision-making, meeting in Strasbourg on Monday 21 June 2004 with Mrs Aguiar (Portugal, EPP/CD), in the Chair:

- *Implementation of Resolution 1348 (2003) on gender-balanced representation in the Parliamentary Assembly*: held an exchange of views with the Vice-Chairpersons of two of the four Committees with less than 15 % female rapporteurs:

- Ms Burbiené (Lithuania, SOC) and Ms Pericleous Papadopoulos (Cyprus, LDR), Vice-Chairpersons of the Committee on Economic Affairs and Development,
- Mr Gubert (Italy, EPP/CD), Vice-Chair of the Committee on the Environment, Agriculture and Local and Regional Affairs,

and decided, as the next step, to invite the leaders of the five political groups to an exchange of views on the subject during the October 2004 part-session;

- decided to hold its *next meeting* in Strasbourg during the Assembly 2004 4th part-session (4-8 October 2004, preferably on Monday 4 October at 2 pm).

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