

**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 10 September 2004 with Mrs Cliveti (Romania, SOC), Mrs Zapfl-Helbling (Switzerland, EPP/CD) and Mrs Čurdová (Czech Republic, SOC) in the Chair:

As regards:

- *Campaign to combat domestic violence against women in Europe* (Rapporteur: Mr Branger, France, EPP/CD): considered a draft report prepared by the Rapporteur and unanimously adopted a draft recommendation with a view to the presentation of the report during the October 2004 part-session of the Assembly;
- *Draft Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings* (Committee representative at CAHTEH: Mrs Vermot-Mangold, Switzerland, SOC):
 - ✓ heard a statement by Mrs Vermot-Mangold on her participation in the 4th and 5th meetings of the *ad hoc Committee on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (CAHTEH)*, Strasbourg, 11-13 May 2004 and 29 June – 2 July 2004;
 - ✓ appointed Mrs Vermot-Mangold (Switzerland, SOC) to take part in the 6th meeting of the *ad hoc Committee on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (CAHTEH)*, Strasbourg, 28 September-1 October 2004;
 - ✓ held an exchange of views with Mrs Jill Heine, Legal Advisor, Amnesty International;
 - ✓ prepared the exchange of views to be held with the Chairperson of CAHTEH, Mr Jean-Sébastien Jamart, in Strasbourg on Thursday, 7 October 2004, at 2 pm;
 - ✓ held a first exchange of views on the draft Committee comments to be addressed to CAHTEH on 7 October 2004, and asked Mrs Vermot-Mangold to make an oral presentation of the debate in Committee to CAHTEH at its next meeting;
- *Discrimination against women and girls in sport* (Rapporteur: Mrs Aguiar, Portugal, EPP/CD): considered, amended and approved a draft questionnaire to be sent to national delegations of Council of Europe member and observer states;
- *European strategy for the promotion of sexual and reproductive health and rights*: appointed Mrs Zapfl-Helbling (Switzerland, EPP/CD) as rapporteur for opinion;
- *Disappearance and murder of a great number of women and girls in Mexico* (Rapporteur: Mrs Vermot-Mangold, Switzerland, SOC): heard a statement by the Rapporteur on her fact-finding visit to Mexico City and Ciudad Juarez on 9-13 August 2004;

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- *Statement by representatives at meetings organised by other bodies*: heard a statement by Mrs Čurďová (Czech Republic, SOC) on her participation in the 1st meeting of the the *Group of Specialists on Gender Budgeting (EG-S-GB)*, Strasbourg, 17-18 May 2004;
- *Sub-committee on violence against women*: prepared the meeting of the Sub-Committee and the hearing on forced marriages and child marriages to be held in Antwerp (Belgium) on Monday 18 October 2004;
- *First meeting of women members of the Assembly*: prepared the meeting to be held in Strasbourg, on Tuesday 5 October 2004, at the end of the Assembly sitting;
- *Women and religion in Europe* (Rapporteur: Mrs Aguiar, Portugal, EPP/CD) : held a hearing with the participation of:
 - ✓ Ms Katrin Hatzinger, representative of the Council of the Evangelical Churches in Germany (Brussels Office)
 - ✓ Ms Elena Speranskaya, Department for External Church Relations of the Moscow Patriarchate, Russian Orthodox Church
 - ✓ Ms Dina Azoulay, representative of the Representative Council of Jewish institutions in France (CRIF)
 - ✓ Ms Elfriede Harth, European representative of the NGO "Catholics for a Free Choice"
- *Next meetings*: decided to meet in:
 - 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), Monday 17 January 2005 (to be confirmed).

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