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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 4, 5 and 7 October 2004 with Mrs Čurdová (Czech Republic, SOC) (Monday), Mrs Cliveti (Romania, SOC) (Tuesday) and Mrs Zapfl-Helbling (Switzerland, EPP/CD) (Thursday) in the Chair:

As regards:

- *European strategy for the promotion of sexual and reproductive health and rights* (Rapporteuse for opinion: Mrs Zapfl-Helbling, Switzerland, EPP/CD): prepared and approved an opinion on the report tabled by the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee including seven amendments to the draft resolution and draft recommendation;
- *Women's participation in elections* (Rapporteur: Mr Mooney, Ireland, LDR): took position on the amendment tabled to the draft recommendation;
- *Campaign to combat domestic violence against women in Europe* (Rapporteur: Mr Branger, France, EDG): took position on the amendments tabled to the draft recommendation;
- *Disappearance and murder of a great number of women and girls in Mexico* (Rapporteuse: Mrs Vermot-Mangold, Switzerland, SOC): considered an introductory memorandum and held an exchange of views with the Chairperson and members of the Mexican parliamentary observer delegation;
- *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 6th meeting of the *ad hoc Committee on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (CAHTEH)*, Strasbourg, 28 September-1 October 2004;
 - appointed Mrs Vermot-Mangold (Switzerland, SOC) to take part in the 7th meeting of the *ad hoc Committee on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (CAHTEH)*, Strasbourg, 7-10 December 2004;
 - held an exchange of views with the Chairperson of CAHTEH, Mr Jean-Sébastien Jamart,
 - approved the Committee's written comments on the draft Convention to be submitted to CAHTEH, and authorised the Committee's representative, Mrs Vermot-Mangold, to adjust them in the light of the revisions made to the draft Convention during the last CAHTEH meeting (yet to be published);

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- *Appointment of Rapporteurs*, appointed :
 - Mrs Bilgehan (Turkey, SOC) on “Integration of migrant women in Europe”;
 - Mrs Čurdová (Czech Republic, SOC) on “Situation of women in the countries of post-communism transition”,
- *Appointment of representatives to meetings organised by other bodies*, appointed:
 - Mr Branger (France, EPP/CD) to take part in the meeting of the *Network of the Parliamentary Committees for Equal Opportunities for Women and Men in the European Union (NCEO)*, The Hague, 4-5 November 2004;
 - Mrs Zapfl-Helbling (Switzerland, EPP/CD) to take part in the *International Colloquium on forced marriages* organised by the Mouvement français pour le planning familial, Paris, 4-5 November 2004;
 - Mrs Vermot-Mangold (Switzerland, SOC) to take part in the *Ad hoc Conference of European Ministers responsible for the prevention of violence in everyday life* organised by the Council of Europe Integrated Project "Responses to violence in everyday life in a democratic society", Oslo, 7-9 November 2004;
- *The First meeting of women members of the Assembly*: was informed about the First meeting of women members of the Assembly, which took place in Strasbourg on Tuesday, 5 October 2004, with Mrs Cliveti (Romania, SOC) in the Chair, and which debated the promotion of a better participation of women in the Assembly's decision-making processes and decided to create an informal women's caucus made up of the women members of the Assembly, to meet at least once a year in Strasbourg during a Parliamentary Assembly part-session;
- *Next meetings*: decided to meet in:
 - Paris (Council of Europe Office), Friday 10 December 2004 ;
 - Paris (Council of Europe Office), Monday 17 January 2005;
 - Strasbourg, during the January 2005 part-session of the Assembly (24-28 January)

The Sub-committee on equal participation of women and men in decision-making, meeting in Strasbourg on Monday 4 October 2004 with Mrs Aguiar (Portugal, EPP/CD), in the Chair:

as regards:

- *Implementation of Resolution 1348 (2003) on gender-balanced representation in the Parliamentary Assembly*: held an exchange of views with the following Chairpersons of political groups:
 - Mrs Tana de Zulueta, 1st Vice-Chairperson of the Socialist Group
 - Mr Mats Einarsson, Chairperson of the Group of the Unified European Left
- *its next meeting* : decided to meet in Strasbourg, during the January 2005 part-session of the Assembly (24-28 January).

The Sub-Committee on violence against women, meeting in Strasbourg on Thursday 7 October 2004 with Mrs Hägg (Sweden, SOC) in the Chair:

- elected Mrs Err (Luxembourg, SOC), Vice-Chairperson by acclamation;

as regards:

- *Forced marriages and child marriages* (Rapporteur: Mrs Zapfl-Helbling, Switzerland, EPP/CD): held an exchange of views on the draft programme of the hearing to take place in Antwerp (Belgium) on Monday 18 October 2004;
- *Its next meetings* :
 - Antwerp, Monday 18 October 2004;
 - Strasbourg, during the January 2005 part-session of the Assembly (24-28 January).

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