

# Parliamentary Assembly Assemblée parlementaire



## 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 December 2004 with Mrs Cliveti (Romania, SOC), in the Chair:

As regards:

- *Discrimination against women in the workforce and the workplace* (Rapporteuse: Mrs Čurdova, Czech Republic, SOC): held an exchange of views with Ms Michaela Marksova-Tominová, expert (Centrum pro Gender Studies, Prague) and considered an introductory memorandum;
- *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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 Ms Sian Jones from Amnesty International;
  - ✓ appointed Mrs Vermot-Mangold, Rapporteur - *subject to the Committee of Ministers transmitting the draft text to the Assembly for opinion and subject to the Bureau of the Assembly seizing the Committee for report*;
  - ✓ held an exchange of views on the procedure to be followed;
- *The Third Summit* :
  - ✓ appointed Mrs Cliveti (Romania, SOC) Rapporteur;
  - ✓ held a first exchange of views in order to prepare the Committee's opinion;
- *Forced marriages and child marriages* (Rapporteur: Mrs Zapfl-Helbling, Switzerland, EPP/CD):
  - ✓ heard a statement by the Rapporteur on the hearing on *forced marriages and child marriages* organised by the Sub-Committee on Violence against Women in Antwerp (Belgium) on 18 October 2004 and on the *International Colloquium on forced marriages* organised by the Mouvement français pour le planning familial, Paris, 4-5 November 2004;
  - ✓ considered an outline report;

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- *Promoting a United Nations 5<sup>th</sup> World Conference on Women* (Rapporteur: Mrs Err, Luxembourg, SOC): considered an outline report and appointed Mrs Err to take part in the preparatory meeting on the 10 year review of the Beijing platform for action organised by UNECE (United Nations Economic Commission for Europe), Geneva, 14-15 December 2004;
- *Implementation of Resolution 1348 (2003) on gender-balanced representation in the Parliamentary Assembly*: instructed its Chairperson to address a letter to the chairpersons of political groups and the chairpersons of national delegations, asking them to try and strike a gender balance when nominating candidates for the posts of Committee Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons and when nominating chairpersons of national delegations, respectively;
- *Appointment of Rapporteurs*: appointed:
  - ✓ Mrs Damanaki (Greece, SOC) for report on: Sexual assaults linked to “date-rape drugs” ;
  - ✓ Ms Smirnova (Russia, EDG) for report on: Respect for the principle of equality in civil law;
  - ✓ Mr Gaburro (Italy, EPP/CD) for opinion on: What solutions to Europe’s unemployment?
- *Statement by representatives at meetings organised by other bodies*: heard statements by:
  - Mrs Vermot-Mangold (Switzerland, SOC) on her participation 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;
  - Mrs Zapfl-Helbling (Switzerland, EPP/CD) on her participation in the 31<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Steering Committee for equality between women and men (CDEG), Strasbourg, 24-26 November 2004.
- *Disappearance and murder of a great number of women and girls in Mexico* (Rapporteuse: Mrs Vermot-Mangold, Switzerland, SOC): on the proposal of the Rapporteuse, decided to invite the Venice Commission to prepare an opinion on the question of constitutional reform in Mexico related to the distribution of powers between the Federation and the States regarding the investigation and punishment of serious and systematic human rights abuses, as well as the investigation and punishment of the failings of officials involved in the investigation and prosecution of such crimes, if possible during its March 2005 meeting;
- *Terms of references of Assembly Committees*: heard a statement by Mrs Zapfl-Helbling on the decisions taken by the Bureau of the Assembly at its last meeting;
- *Discrimination against women and girls in sport*: decided to extend the deadline for reply to the questionnaire which was sent to national delegations of Council of Europe member and observer states until 15 January 2005;
- *Next meetings*: decided to meet in:
  - Paris (Council of Europe Office), Friday 14 January 2005
  - Strasbourg, during the 2005 1<sup>st</sup> part-session of the Assembly (24-28 January)
  - Paris (Council of Europe Office), Monday 28 February 2005
  - Paris, OECD, Tuesday 1 March 2005, hearing on “*integration of migrant women in Europe*”, joint meeting with the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population;
  - Strasbourg, during the 2005 2<sup>nd</sup> part-session of the Assembly (25-29 April)