



## 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 27 and 28 April 2005 with Mrs Cliveti (Romania, SOC), in the Chair:

as regards:

- *Discrimination against women and girls in sport* (Rapporteuse: Mrs Aguiar, Portugal, EPP/CD):
  - held an exchange of views with Ms Béatrice Hess, paralympic swimming champion (France),
  - took position on the amendments tabled to the draft recommendation,
- *Discrimination against women in the workforce and the workplace* (Rapporteuse: Mrs Čurđova, Czech Republic, SOC) : noted that no amendments had been tabled;
- *Implementation of [Resolution 1348](#) (2003) on gender-balanced representation in the Parliamentary Assembly:*
  - considered a memorandum prepared by the Chairperson and decided to return to the question at one of its next meetings,
  - held an exchange of views with Ms Louise Barton, Equal Opportunities Officer, Human Resources Policy and Development Division of the Council of Europe Secrétariat;
- *Appointment of rapporteurs:* appointed:
  - Mrs Pericleous Papadopoulos (Cyprus, LDR) on *the need to reconcile work and family life*
  - Mrs Zapfl-Helbling (Switzerland, EPP/CD) on *Women and religion in Europe*
- *Appointment of representatives at meetings organised by other bodies:* left it to the Chairperson to appoint a representative to take part in the 32<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Steering Committee for Equality between Women and Men (CDEG), Strasbourg, 8-10 June 2005;
- *Disappearance and murder of a great number of women and girls in Mexico* (Rapporteuse: Mrs Vermot-Mangold, Switzerland, SOC): considered a draft report prepared by the Rapporteuse in the presence of the Chairperson and members of the Mexican parliamentary observer delegation, amended and unanimously adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation, and instructed the Chairperson to write a letter to the Bureau to ask that the report be put on the draft agenda and the draft order of business of the June 2005 part-session of the Assembly to enable the Mexican parliamentary observer delegation to participate in the debate;

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- *Draft Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings* (Rapporteur: Mrs Vermot-Mangold, Switzerland, SOC): heard a statement by the Rapporteur;
- *Election of the second Vice-Chairperson of the Committee*: elected Mrs Čurdová (Czech Republic, SOC) 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chairperson, and Mrs Smirnova (Russia, EDG) 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice-Chairperson of the Committee by acclamation;
- *Second meeting of women members of the Assembly*: held an exchange of views on the preparation of the meeting to be held in Strasbourg, on Tuesday 4 October 2005, at the end of the Assembly sitting, and decided to invite Mrs Asma Jahangir, UN Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief, as the keynote speaker;
- *Statements by representatives at meetings organised by other bodies*: heard a statement by Mrs Zapfl-Helbling (Switzerland, EPP/CD) on the *Conference on trafficking in children* organised by the OSCE, Vienna, 18 March 2005;
- *Replies from the Committee of Ministers*: took note of the replies from the Committee of Ministers on :
  - Campaign to combat domestic violence against women in Europe
  - Conflict prevention and resolution: the role of women
- *Meeting of the Committee in Iceland*: confirmed the dates of the meeting to be held in Reykjavik on 12 and 13 September 2005 (*subject to authorisation by the Bureau*);
- *Regional parliamentary seminar and public hearing on gender equality in the South Caucasus (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia)*: was informed by the Chairperson of first positive contacts with the Chairperson of the Georgian delegation, considered a preliminary draft programme prepared by the Secretariat, and decided to hold the seminar and hearing in Tbilisi (Georgia) on 27-28 October 2005 (dates to be confirmed; *subject to authorisation by the Bureau*);
- *Next meetings*: decided to cancel its meeting in Paris on 20 May 2005, because of a clash of dates with the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee (meeting in Budapest on the same day), and decided to meet in Paris on 3 June 2005 instead;

and to meet in:

- **Paris** (Council of Europe Office), Friday 3 June 2005;
- **Strasbourg**, during the 2005 3<sup>rd</sup> part-session of the Assembly (20-24 June);
- **Reykjavik (Iceland)**, Monday 12 and Tuesday 13 September 2005 –*subject to authorisation by the Bureau* –;
- **Strasbourg**, during the 2005 4<sup>th</sup> part-session of the Assembly (3-7 October);
- **Tbilisi (Georgia)**, Regional parliamentary seminar and public hearing on gender equality in the South Caucasus, Thursday 27 and Friday 28 October 2005 (*dates to be confirmed*) – *subject to authorisation by the Bureau*.

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