

**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 21 and 23 June 2005 with Mrs Cliveti (Romania, SOC), in the Chair:

as regards:

- *Disappearance and murder of a great number of women and girls in Mexico* (Rapporteuse: Mrs Vermot-Mangold, Switzerland, SOC):
  - heard a statement by the Rapporteuse and held an exchange of views with the Mexican parliamentary observer delegation;
  - approved an addendum to Document 10551 reflecting the recent developments in Mexico;
  - took position on the amendments tabled to the draft resolution and took note that no amendment had been tabled to the draft recommendation;
- *Promoting a United Nations 5<sup>th</sup> World Conference on Women* (Rapporteuse: Mrs Err, Luxembourg, SOC):
  - considered a revised draft report prepared by the Rapporteuse, and amended and unanimously adopted a draft recommendation with a view to a debate on the report at the Standing Committee to be held in Monaco on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2005;
  - reiterated its proposal that Ms Rachel Mayanja, UN Assistant Secretary General and Special Adviser on Gender Issues and the Advancement of Women, be invited on that occasion to present the position of the UN on this issue;
- *Mechanisms to ensure women's participation in decision-making* (Rapporteuse: Mrs Cliveti, Romania, SOC) : considered an introductory memorandum;
- *Implementation of Resolution 1348 (2003) on gender-balanced representation in the Parliamentary Assembly*: considered a non-paper prepared by the Chairperson;
- *Increase of the number of seats of the Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men to 83*: heard a statement by the Chairperson and welcomed its new members;
- *Second meeting of women members of the Parliamentary Assembly*: took note of the preliminary draft agenda for the meeting to be held in Strasbourg, on Tuesday 4 October 2005, at the end of the Assembly sitting, and that Mrs Asma Jahangir, UN Special Rapporteuse on freedom of religion or belief, had accepted the invitation to attend the meeting as the keynote speaker;

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- *Replies from the Committee of Ministers:* took note of the reply from the Committee of Ministers on *Women's participation in elections* and instructed the Chairperson to address a letter to the three Assembly representatives on the Council for Democratic Elections of the Venice Commission, asking them to push for a rapid implementation of the Committee of Ministers' reply by the Council;
- *Appointment of rapporteurs:* appointed:
  - Mrs Cliveti (Romania, SOC) on the *Preparation of the 2007 campaign to combat violence against women (follow-up to the decisions taken at the Third Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Council of Europe)*;
- *Statements by representatives at meetings organised by other bodies:* heard a statement by Mrs Err (Luxembourg, SOC) on the 32<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Steering Committee for Equality between Women and Men (CDEG), Strasbourg, 8-10 June 2005;
- *Meeting of the Committee in Iceland:* was informed of the state of preparation of the meeting to be held in Reykjavik on 12 and 13 September 2005;
- *Meeting of the Committee in Georgia:* was informed of the state of preparation of the Regional parliamentary seminar and public hearing on gender equality to be held in Tbilissi on 3 and 4 November 2005 (*dates to be confirmed*);
- *Implementation of Recommendation 1681 (2004) on a Campaign to combat domestic violence against women in Europe:* heard a statement by the Chairperson and was informed that Mrs Záborská, Chairperson of the European Parliament Committee on women's rights and gender equality, had agreed to come for an exchange of views to the Committee's meeting in Paris on 2 December 2005;
- *its next meetings:* decided to meet in:
  - **Reykjavik (Iceland)**, Monday 12 and Tuesday 13 September 2005 ;
  - **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 3 and Friday 4 November 2005 (*dates to be confirmed*);
  - **Paris** (Council of Europe office), Friday 2 December 2005.

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