

# 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 Reykjavik on 12 and 13 September 2005 with first Mrs Cliveti (Romania, Soc) and then Mrs Zapfl-Helbling (Switzerland, EPP/CD) in the Chair:

- held an exchange of views *on gender equality* with:
  - Mrs Solveig Pétursdóttir, Chairperson of the Icelandic delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
  - Mrs Siv Friðleifsdóttir, Chairperson of the Social Affairs Committee and Vice-Chairperson of the Icelandic delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly
  - Mr Gudlaugur Thor Thordarsson, Vice-Chairperson of the Social Affairs Committee
  - members of the Althingi (Icelandic Parliament)
  
- held a *hearing on men's involvement in equality projects* with the participation of :
  - Mr Árni Magnússon, Minister for Social Affairs of Iceland
  - Mrs Ragnhildur Arnljótsdóttir, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Social Affairs of Iceland
  - Mrs Rannveig Guðmundsdóttir, President of the Nordic Council (Iceland)
  - Mr Lars U Granberg, Swedish MP, Social Democratic Party
  - Mr Klas Hyllander, "Communicator" of Manliga Nätverket Association (Sweden)
  - Mr Olafur Stephensen, Deputy Editor of the newspaper Morgunbladid (Iceland)

as regards:

- *Mechanisms to ensure women's participation in decision-making* (Rapporteuse: Mrs Cliveti, Romania, Soc) : considered a draft report, amended and unanimously adopted a draft recommendation and a draft resolution with a view to a debate on the report at the Standing Committee to be held in Bucharest, on 25 November 2005;
  
- *Women and religion in Europe* (Rapporteur: Mrs Zapfl-Helbling, Switzerland, EPP/CD): considered a draft report, amended and adopted a draft resolution with a view to a debate on the report at the 4<sup>th</sup> part-session of the Assembly of 2005 (3-7 October);
  
- *Integration of migrant women in Europe* (Rapporteur: Mrs Bilgehan, Turkey, Soc) : considered an introductory memorandum;
  
- *The need to reconcile work and family life* (Rapporteur: Mrs Pericleous-Papadopoulou, Cyprus, ALDE): considered an outline report and approved a questionnaire to be sent to the national delegations of Council of Europe member states for reply by 15 December 2005;

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- *Parliamentary campaign to combat domestic violence against women* (Rapporteur: Mrs Cliveti (Romania, Soc): considered an introductory memorandum;
- *The situation of women in the South Caucasus* (Rapporteur: Mrs Oskina, Russia, EDG): considered an outline report and held an exchange of views on the preparation of the Regional parliamentary seminar and public hearing on gender equality to be held in Tbilissi on 13 and 14 October 2005;
- *Respect for the principle of equality in civil law* (Rapporteur: Mrs Smirnova, Russia, EDG): on the proposal of the Rapporteur, decided to appoint Ms Stéphanie Billaud (France) as a consultant expert to write an expert paper on this subject;
- *Composition of its Sub-Committees*: following Resolution 1445 (2005) on the increase of the number of seats of the Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men to 83, decided to appoint the following new members to its sub-committees :
  - *Sub-committee on violence against women*:
    - Mrs Ahlqvist (Sweden, Soc), full member
    - Mrs Wurm (Austria, Soc), full member - Mrs Muttonen (Soc), substitute
    - Mr Özal (Turkey, EPP/CD), substitute of Mrs Bilgehan (Soc)
  - *Sub-committee on equal participation of women and men in decision-making*:
    - Mr Branger (France, EPP/CD), as a substitute of Mr Goldberg (UEL)
    - Ms Gajdušková (Czech Republic, Soc), full member
    - Mr Ilascu (Romania, NR), full member
    - Mrs Zapfl-Helbling (Switzerland, EPP/CD), full member– Mrs Vermot-Mangold (Soc), substitute
- *Appointment of rapporteurs*: appointed:
  - Mrs Vermot-Mangold (Switzerland, Soc) Rapporteur for report on the *feminisation of poverty*;
  - Mrs Oskina (Russia, EDG) Rapporteur for opinion on *Vocational Education and Training, a key factor for lifelong employability*
  - following the successful hearing on the subject in Iceland, instructed its Chairperson to ask the Bureau that the Committee be seized for report on the motion on *men's involvement in the equality project*;
  - upon the proposal of Mrs Vadai (Hungary, Soc), instructed its Chairperson to ask the Bureau that the Committee be seized for opinion on the report under preparation by the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights on the *human rights of members of the armed forces* ;
- *Appointment of representatives to meetings organised by other bodies*, appointed:
  - Mrs Fernández Soriano (Spain, Soc) to attend the *Third meeting of the inter-parliamentary international dialogue on feminicides*, Madrid, 15-16 September 2005;
  - Mrs Err (Luxembourg, Soc) to attend the *5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Informal Council of Europe Network on Gender Mainstreaming* organised by the Steering Committee for Equality between Women and Men (CDEG), Strasbourg, 27 September 2005;
  - left it to the Chairperson to appoint a representative to attend the first meeting of the European Union / United States of Mexico Joint Parliamentary Committee to be held in Strasbourg on 28 and 29 September 2005;

- *its next meetings*: decided to meet in:

- **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 Southern Caucasus, Thursday 13 and Friday 14 October 2005 ;
- **Paris** (Council of Europe office), Friday 2 December 2005;
- **Strasbourg**, during the 2006 1<sup>st</sup> part-session of the Assembly (23-27 January);
- **Paris** (Council of Europe office), Thursday 9 and Friday 10 March 2006: plenary meeting and hearing on “The feminisation of poverty”.

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