

**TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON
EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN AND MEN**

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The Bureau of the Sub-Committee on violence against women, meeting in Strasbourg on 18 October 2006 (from 2 pm to 6 pm) with Ms Hägg (Sweden, SOC), Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on violence against women, in the Chair:

- held a *round table on the involvement of NGOs in the parliamentary dimension of the Council of Europe campaign to combat violence against women, including domestic violence*, with the participation of:

- Ms Jezerca Tigani, Regional Campaign Coordinator for Europe and Central Asia, Amnesty International
- Ms Karine Henrotte-Forsberg, Chairperson of the Equality Grouping of the INGOs enjoying participatory status with the Council of Europe
- Ms Leena Ruusuvaori, Member of the European Observatory on Violence Against Women European Women's Lobby
- Ms Susanna Vardanyan, President of The Women's Rights Center, International Consortium for Domestic Violence
- Ms Hilary Fisher, Director of the Campaign "End Child Poverty"

- appointed Ms Vardanyan as NGO spokesperson to report back to the meeting of contact parliamentarians on 19 October 2006;

The Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men meeting in Strasbourg on 19 October 2006 with Ms Cliveti (Romania, SOC) in the Chair:

- held a *co-ordination meeting of the contact parliamentarians involved in the parliamentary dimension of the Council of Europe campaign to combat violence against women, including domestic violence (2006-2008)* with the participation of:

- Ambassador Peteris Elferts, Thematic Coordinator on Gender Equality of the Committee of Ministers
- Ms Simonovic, Chairperson of the Council of Europe Task Force to combat violence against women, including domestic violence
- Ms Marta Requena, Head of the Equality Division, Directorate General of Human Rights
- Ms Helena Ewalds, Senior Officer, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, Department of Family and Social Affairs
- Ambassador Fernando Mansito y Caballero, Permanent Representative of Spain to the Council of Europe, for Mr Lluís Maria de Puig (Spain)

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- Ms Sandra Barnes, Member of the Congress of Local and Regional of the Council of Europe
- Ms Hilary Fisher, Director of the Campaign “End child poverty”
- Mr Pascal Mangin, Deputy Mayor of Strasbourg and member of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of Europe
- Ms Susanna Vardanyan, President of The Women’s Rights Center, International Consortium for Domestic Violence

- considered and approved a draft solemn declaration on “Parliaments united in combating domestic violence against women” presented by Ms Vermot-Mangold (Switzerland, SOC) with a view to its adoption by the Standing Committee meeting in San Marino on 17 November 2006;

and, meeting on 20 October 2006, with Ms Čurďová (Czech Republic, SOC), Vice-Chairperson, in the Chair:

- held a *parliamentary seminar in partnership with the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe on respect for the principle of equality between women and men in civil law, including in family codes* with the participation of :

- Mr Claude Frey, President of the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe
- Ms Stéphanie Billaud, lawyer, consultant-expert for the Parliamentary Assembly, France
- Ms Aziza Elbakali Kassimi, Chamber of Representatives, Morocco
- Mr Rabah Larbi, General Consul of Algeria, Strasbourg
- Ms Salwa Tarzi, Chamber of Deputies, Tunisia
- Ms Naziha Zarrouk, Vice-Chair, Chamber of Counsellors, Tunisia
- Ms Alima Boumediene-Thiery, French Senator
- Ms Grazyna Ciemniak, Chairperson of the Ad hoc Committee on the Rights of Women in the Euro-Mediterranean countries
- Ms Fifi Benaboud, Co-ordinator of the TransMed Programme of the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe

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