

**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 Madrid on 27 November 2006:

- took part in the launching conference of the Council of Europe campaign to combat violence against women, including domestic violence;

resuming its meeting on 28 November 2006, with Ms Cliveti in the chair :

as regards :

- *Parliaments united in combating domestic violence against women* (Rapporteur: Ms Cliveti, Romania, SOC):

✓ held an exchange of views on the progress of the parliamentary dimension of the Council of Europe campaign to combat violence against women, including domestic violence, with:

- Spanish parliamentarians:
 - Mr Lluís Maria De Puig, Chair of the Spanish Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly and member of the Senate
 - Ms Carmen Quintanilla, Member of the Chamber of Deputies and Spanish contact parliamentarian
- PACE regional parliamentary coordinators:
 - Group A : Ms Carina Hägg (Sweden, SOC)
 - Group B : Mr Jean-Guy Branger (France, EPP/CD)
 - Group C : Ms Carmen Quintanilla (Spain, "Partido Popular")
 - Group D : Ms Darinka Stantcheva (Bulgaria, ALDE)
 - Group E : Ms Marlene Rupprecht (Germany, SOC)
 - Group F : Ms Blanca Judith Díaz Delgado, Chair of the Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men of the Mexican Senate
- Representatives of Regional parliamentary assemblies:
 - Ms Sonja Lokar (Slovenia), Chair of the Gender Task Force of the Stability Pact for South-East Europe
- NGO representatives:
 - Ms Jezerca Tigani, Amnesty International
 - Ms Susanna Vardanyan, International Consortium on domestic violence

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- ✓ took note of the timetable of future activities of national parliaments and of the Parliamentary Assembly;
- *The spread of the HIV/AIDS epidemic to women and girls in Europe* (Rapporteur: Ms Fautrier, Monaco, EPP/CD): considered an outline report;
- *Appointment of rapporteurs*: appointed:
 - ✓ Ms Circene (Latvia, EPP/CD) on the role of women in modern societies, including in intercultural and inter-religious dialogue for report;
- *Appointment of representatives to meetings organised by other bodies*: appointed:
 - ✓ Ms Pehlivan (Belgium, SOC), to represent it at the Seminar for chairpersons and members of parliamentary bodies dealing with gender equality on «the role of parliamentary committees in mainstreaming gender and promoting the status of women» organised by the Inter-Parliamentary Union, Geneva, 4-6 December 2006 (*with no cost to the Assembly*);
- *Statements by representatives to meetings organised by other bodies*: heard statements by:
 - ✓ Ms Cliveti (Romania, SOC) on the Congress on “*Women generating peace*“ organised by Emakunde (Basque Women’s Institute), San Sebastian (Spain), 23-24 October 2006 and on the meeting of the *Network of Parliamentary Committees for Equal Opportunities for Women and Men in the European Union (NCEO)*, Helsinki, 31 October – 1 November 2006;
- *Its next meetings*: decided to meet as follows:
 - ✓ **Paris** (Council of Europe office), Tuesday, 12 December 2006;
 - ✓ **Paris** (Council of Europe office), Monday, 15 January 2007 (to be confirmed),
 - ✓ **Strasbourg**, during the 2007 1st part-session of the Assembly (22-26 January).

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