

**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 Paris on 15 May 2006 with first Ms Čurdová (Czech Republic, SOC), Vice-Chairperson, and then Ms Cliveti (Romania, SOC), Chairperson, in the Chair:

as regards:

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

- held an exchange of views with Ms Hilary Fisher, Vice-Chairperson of the Council of Europe Task Force to combat violence against women, including domestic violence, on the state of preparation of the Council of Europe campaign;
- 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 2006 3<sup>rd</sup> part-session of the Assembly (26-30 June);
- adopted a declaration on this issue, to bring it to the attention to national parliamentary delegations;
- was informed that Ms Ertürk, United Nations Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women, will probably be invited by the President to speak in the debate during the June 2006 part-session on this issue;

- *Council of Europe – European Union: “a sole ambition for the European continent”*: held an exchange of views on the gender equality aspects of the report prepared by Mr Jean-Claude Juncker, Prime Minister of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg;

- *Follow-up to Resolution 1478 (2006) on the integration of immigrant women in Europe*: decided to organise, in co-operation with the Council of Europe North-South Centre, a parliamentary seminar with parliamentary representatives of Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia on upholding the principle of equality between women and men in family codes, to take place on Friday, 20 October 2006, in Paris (Council of Europe Office);

- *Sexual assaults linked to “date-rape drugs”* (Rapporteur: Ms Damanaki, Greece, SOC): held an exchange of views with the following experts:

- Ms Deborah Olszewski, Project Manager, European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA), Portugal
- Mr Graham Rhodes, Founder and Chief Executive of the “Roofie Foundation”, United Kingdom

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- Mr Patrick Sansoy, Official Representative, Interministerial Working Party on the Fight against Drugs and Drug addiction, France
- *The image of women in advertising* (Rapporteur: Ms Laloy, Belgium, SOC):
  - considered an outline report;
  - prepared the hearing to be held in Paris on Tuesday, 16 May 2006;
- *Appointment of representatives at meetings organised by other bodies*: appointed:
  - Ms Cliveti (Romania, SOC) and Ms Čurdová (Czech Republic, SOC) to the 35<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Steering Committee for Equality between Women and Men (CDEG), Stockholm, 7 June 2006;
  - Ms Bilgehan (Turkey, SOC) on the Conference “*Women’s rights in the Euro-Mediterranean region: women as agents of change*”, organised by the North South Centre of the Council of Europe, Lisbon, 30 June – 1 July 2006;
- *Statement by representatives at meetings organised by other bodies*: heard a statement by:
  - Ms Zapfl-Helbling (Switzerland, EPP/CD) on the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Group of Specialists on the role of women and men in conflict prevention and resolution and in peace-building (EG-S-CP), Strasbourg, 3-5 May 2006;
- *Replies from the Committee of Ministers*: took note of the replies on :
  - Promoting a United Nations 5<sup>th</sup> World Conference on Women
  - Forced marriages and child marriages
- *Composition of the Sub-Committee on violence against women*: appointed Ms Incekara (Turkey, EPP/CD) alternate of Ms Bilgehan (Turkey, SOC);
- *Equality in civil law* (Rapporteur: Ms Smirnova, Russia, EDG): agreed to the request of the Rapporteur to appoint a second consultant expert on the subject, tasked to submit a draft questionnaire to the Committee for adoption at one of the meetings of the Committee during the June 2006 part-session, and to summarise the replies received afterwards;
- *Third meeting of women parliamentarians*: decided to organise the third meeting of women parliamentarians during the June 2006 part-session of the Assembly, provided that Ms Ertürk, United Nations Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women, be the keynote speaker at the event;
- *Women’s participation in elections*: instructed the Chairperson to write to the Chairperson of the Venice Commission and the Assembly’s representatives on the Commission, to ensure that the Assembly’s stance – as put down in Assembly Recommendation 1676 (2004) – is adequately reflected in the Venice Commission’s declaration on women’s participation in elections (submitted for adoption at the meeting of 9-10 June 2006);
- *Combating trafficking in human beings*:
  - instructed the Chairperson to write a letter to the President, informing him of the decision of the Committee to contest in the Standing Committee the proposal of the Bureau to refer the motion on combating trafficking in human beings (Doc. 10854) to the Committee for information only, and to ask that the motion be referred to the Committee for report;
  - was informed of the intention of Ms Vermot-Mangold, in her capacity as former Rapporteuse on “*Stop trafficking in women before the 2006 FIFA World Cup*”, to send a letter to the national football federations competing in the tournament, asking the players and coaches to wear white ribbons to protest against violence against women, especially forced prostitution and trafficking in women, on that occasion;

**resuming** its meeting on 16 May 2006, with Ms Cliveti (Romania, SOC) in the Chair:

- *The image of women in advertising* (Rapporteur: Ms Laloy, Belgium, SOC): held a hearing on this matter with the participation of the following experts:

- Mr Serge Tisseron, psychiatrist, psychoanalyst and teacher at the University Paris VII, France
- Ms Anne-Charlotte Pasquier, Director General, Aubade, Paris, France
- Ms María Jesús Ortiz Gómez, Head of Communication and Image, Institute for Women, Spain
- Ms Marie-Noëlle Vroonen-Vaes, NGO representative, The Belgium Pack
- Mr Jean-Pierre Teyssier, President of the French advertising standards authority (Bureau de la vérification de la publicité (BVP)) and Chairperson of the European Advertising Standards Alliance (EASA)
- Ms Claire Forbes, Director of Communications, British Advertising Standards Authority
- Ms Karin Laes, Secretary to the jury of ethical advertising, Belgium
- Ms Mercedes Erra, Vice-Chairperson of the Association of French Advertising Agencies (AACC) and Chief Executive of EURO RSCG Worldwide

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

- **Strasbourg**, during the 2006 3<sup>rd</sup> part-session of the Assembly (26-30 June);
- **Paris**, (Council of Europe office), Tuesday 12 September 2006: plenary meeting and Wednesday 13 September 2006: hearing on “*Abortion and its impact on women and girls in Europe*”;
- **Strasbourg**, during the 2006 4<sup>th</sup> part-session of the Assembly (2-6 October);
- **Paris** (Council of Europe office), Friday, 20 October 2006: parliamentary seminar with parliamentary representatives of Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia on upholding the principle of equality between women and men in family codes;
- **Madrid**, Friday, 24 November 2006: parliamentary launch event of the activity “parliaments united in combating domestic violence against women” (to be confirmed, subject to authorisation by the Bureau)
- **Paris** (Council of Europe office), Wednesday, 13 December 2006

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**The Sub-Committee on violence against women of the Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men**, meeting in Paris on 15 May 2006 from 9.30 to 9.40 am with Ms Hägg (Sweden, SOC) in the Chair:

- approved and declassified the minutes of the hearing on “*Parliaments united in combating domestic violence against women*” held in Stockholm, on Thursday, 30 March 2006.

**The Sub-Committee on equal participation of women and men in decision-making**, meeting in Paris on 15 May 2006 from 9.40 to 9.50 am with first Ms Stanoiu (Romania, SOC) senior member present, and then Ms Damanaki (Greece, SOC) in the Chair:

- elected Ms Damanaki (Greece, SOC) Chairperson by acclamation;
- elected Mr Platvoet (Netherlands, UEL) Vice-Chairperson by acclamation *in absentia*;

**The Sub-Committee on trafficking in human beings**, meeting in Paris on 15 May 2006 from 9.50 to 10 am with Ms Stanoiu (Romania, SOC) senior member present, and newly elected Chairperson, in the Chair:

- elected Ms Stanoiu (Romania, SOC) Chairperson by secret ballot;
- elected Mr Mendes Bota (Portugal, EPP/DC) Vice-Chairperson by acclamation.

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