

**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 22 January 2007 with first Mr Branger (France, EPP/CD), senior member present, and then Ms Bilgehan (Turkey, SOC) in the Chair:

- elected Ms Bilgehan (Turkey, SOC), Chairperson by acclamation;
- elected Ms Čurdová (Czech Republic, SOC), first Vice-Chairperson by acclamation;
- elected Ms Smirnova (Russia, EDG), second Vice-Chairperson by acclamation;

as regards:

- *Sexual assaults linked to "date-rape drugs"* (Rapporteur: Ms Damanaki, Greece, SOC) : took position on the amendments tabled to the draft recommendation;

- *Council of Europe Campaign on "Parliaments united in combating domestic violence against women"*: held an exchange of views with Mr Chris Green, member of the Taskforce of the Council of Europe, in the presence of Ms Marta Requena, Head of the Equality Division of the Directorate General of Human Rights of the Council of Europe, co-ordinator of the Council of Europe Campaign;

resuming its meeting on 25 January 2007, with Ms Bilgehan (Turkey, SOC) in the Chair:

- elected Mr Mendes Bota (Portugal, EPP/CD), third Vice-Chairperson by acclamation;

as regards:

- *The spread of the HIV/AIDS epidemic to women and girls in Europe* (Rapporteur: Ms Fautrier, Monaco, EPP/CD) : took position on the amendments tabled to the draft recommendation;

- *Respect for the principle of gender equality in civil law* (Rapporteur: Ms Smirnova, Russia, EDG): considered a draft report, changed its title, and amended and adopted a preliminary draft recommendation with a view to presenting the report for debate at the Standing Committee on 16 March 2007 in Paris;

- *The reconstitution of its sub-committees:*

- i. decided to reconstitute its sub-committee on *violence against women* as follows:

Ms	AKHUNDOVA	Azerbaijan	
Ms	BONDARENKO	Ukraine	Ms HERASYM'YUK
M.	BRANGER	France	M. GOLDBERG
Mme	CLIVETI	Romania	Mme GALETEANU

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Mme	ERR	Luxembourg	M. GOERENS
Mme	FAUTRIER	Monaco	M. GARDETTO
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Mr	GADZINOWSKI	Poland	
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Ms	INCEKARA	Turkey	
Ms	LINTONEN	Finland	Ms DROMBERG
Ms	McCAFFERTY	United Kingdom	
Ms	MIKUTIENE	Lithuania	
Ms	MUTTONEN	Austria	
Ms	PAPADOPOULOS	Cyprus	M. SARIKAS
Ms	PEHLIVAN	Belgium	Mme BOUSAKLA
Ms	POTRATA	Slovenia	
Mr	RIGONI	Italy	
Ms	RUPPRECHT	Germany	Ms BECK
Ms	SMIRNOVA	Russia	
Ms	STANTCHEVA	Bulgaria	Ms ATANASSOVA
Mme	VERMOT-MANGOLD	Suisse	Mme ZAPFL-HELBLING
Ms	WOLDSETH	Norway	
<i>ex officio</i>	Ms BILGEHAN	Turkey	

- ii. decided to reconstitute its sub-committee on *equal participation of women and men in decision-making* as follows:

M.	BOCCHINO	Italy	
Mrs	BONDARENKO	Ukraine	Ms BILOZIR
Mme	BOUSAKLA	Belgique	
Mr	BRADFORD	Ireland	Ms ORMONDE
Ms	CIRCENE	Latvia	
Mme	ERR	Luxembourg	M. GOERENS
Mr	FERNÁNDEZ AGUILAR	Spain	Ms FERNÁNDEZ SORIANO
Ms	FERTUZINHOS	Portugal	
Mr	GADZINOWSKI	Poland	Ms FETLIŃSKA
Ms	GAJDŮŠKOVÁ	Czech Republic	Ms ČURDOVÁ
M.	GOLDBERG	France	
Mrs	GRAF	Germany	Ms BECK
M.	ILASCU	Romania	
Mrs	IOTOVA	Bulgaria	
Ms	McCAFFERTY	United Kingdom	
Ms	MUTTONEN	Austria	Ms WURM
Ms	PAPADOPOULOS	Cyprus	M. SARIKAS
Mr	PLATVOET	Netherlands	
Ms	POTRATA	Slovenia	
Ms	SÁNDOR	Hungary	
Ms	SMIRNOVA	Russia	Ms OSKINA
Mme	STANOIU	Roumanie	M. PAUNESCU
Mme	ZAPFL-HELBLING	Suisse	
<i>ex officio</i>	Ms BILGEHAN	Turkey	

- iii. decided to reconstitute its sub-committee on *trafficking in human beings* as follows:

Mr	AUSTIN	United Kingdom	Mrs WILLIAMS
M.	BRANGER	France	
Mr	COSIDÓ	Spain	Mr FERNÁNDEZ AGUILAR
Mrs	DROMBERG	Finland	
Mrs	GRAF	Germany	Mr WINKELMEIER
Mrs	HERASYM'YUK	Ukraine	
Mr	KAALUND	Denmark	
Mr	MENDES BOTA	Portugal	
Mr	OLSSON	Sweden	Ms HÄGG

Ms	OSKINA	Russia		
Mr	ÖZAL	Turkey		
Mr	RIGONI	Italy	M.	BOCCHINO
Mme	STĂNOIU	Romania		
Ms	STANTCHEVA	Bulgaria		
Mme	VERMOT-MANGOLD	Switzerland		
Ms	WOLDSETH	Norway		
Mrs	WURM	Austria	Mrs	STOISITIS

ex officio Ms BILGEHAN Turkey

- *Appointment of representatives to meetings organised by other bodies:* appointed:

- ✓ Ms Circene (Latvia, EPP/CD) to take part in the *Regional Seminar on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings: Prevention, Protection and Prosecution* organised by the Equality Division of the Directorate General of Human Rights of the Council of Europe in co-operation with the Ministry of Interior of Cyprus, Nicosia, 15-16 February 2007;
- ✓ Ms Čurdová (Czech Republic, SOC) and Ms Bilgehan (Turkey, SOC) to take part in the Symposium on “*Arab and Euro-Mediterranean women: Partnership and development in a changing world*”, organised by the Ministry of Women, Family, Childhood and the Elderly of Tunisia and the Maltese Ministry of Family and Social Solidarity, Malta, 20-21 February 2007;
- ✓ Ms Hägg (Sweden, SOC) to take part in the *Regional Seminar on Legal measures to combat violence against women, including domestic violence*, organised by the Equality Division of the Directorate General of Human Rights of the Council of Europe in co-operation with the Ministry of Justice of the Netherlands, The Hague, 21-22 February 2007;
- ✓ Ms Vermot-Mangold (Switzerland, SOC) to take part in the event on “*addressing discrimination and violence against the girl child: the role of parliaments*” organised by the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the United Nations Division for the Advancement of Women on the occasion of the 51st Session of the Commission on the Status of Women, New-York, 1 March 2007 (with no cost to the Assembly);

- *its next meetings* : thanked the parliamentary delegation of Turkey for its kind invitation to meet in Turkey in May 2007 (subject to the Bureau’s authorisation) and decided to meet in :

- ✓ **Paris (Council of Europe office)**, Monday 26 February 2007: plenary Committee meeting, and Tuesday 27 February 2007: hearing on “*abortion and its impact on women and girls in Europe*”
- ✓ **Strasbourg**, during the 2007 2nd part-session of the Assembly (16-20 April).

The Sub-Committee on trafficking in human beings, meeting informally (subject to its reconstitution) in Strasbourg on 24 January 2007 with Ms Bilgehan (Turkey, SOC), Chairperson of the Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men in the Chair:

as regards:

- *Launching of the Handbook for Parliamentarians on the Council of Europe Convention on Action Against Trafficking in Human Beings:*

- ✓ heard an opening speech by the President of the Assembly, Mr René van der Linden;
- ✓ heard a presentation and the launching of the Handbook by Ms Rodica Stănoiu (Romania, SOC);
- ✓ heard speeches by:
 - Ms Maud de Boer-Buquicchio, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe
 - Ms Eva Biaudet, OSCE Special Representative on Combating Trafficking in Human Beings
- ✓ held an exchange of views;

- *its next meeting*: left it to the Chairperson of the Committee to decide the date and place of the next meeting.

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