

**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 11 May 2007 with Ms Bilgehan (Turkey, SOC) in the Chair:

as regards:

- *The image of women in advertising* (Rapporteur: Ms Bilgehan, Turkey, SOC) :
 - ✓ appointed Ms Bilgehan (Turkey, SOC) Rapporteur,
 - ✓ considered a draft report, amended and unanimously adopted a preliminary draft resolution and a preliminary draft recommendation with a view to presenting the report for debate at the June 2007 part-session;
- *Prostitution – which stance to take?* (Rapporteur: Mr Platvoet, Netherlands, UEL) : considered an introductory memorandum;
- *In favour of a Parliamentary Assembly “Equality Prize”* (Rapporteur: Mr Branger, France, EPP/CD) : considered an introductory memorandum;
- *Parliamentary dimension of the Council of Europe Campaign to combat violence against women, including domestic violence*: heard a statement by the Chairperson and held an exchange of views on the progress of the parliamentary dimension of the campaign;
- *The situation on human rights and democracy in Europe*: heard a statement by the Chairperson and held an exchange of views on the follow-up to be given to the debate on 18 April 2007;
- *Appointment of rapporteurs*: appointed:
 - ✓ Mr Mendes Bota (Portugal, EPP/CD) on *“Parliaments united in combating domestic violence against women”*: mid-term assessment
 - ✓ Ms Damanaki (Greece, SOC) for opinion on *The situation of Roma in Europe and relevant activities of the Council of Europe*
 - ✓ Mr Dupraz (Switzerland, ALDE) for opinion on *Blasphemy, religious insults and hate speech against persons on grounds of their religion*

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- *Appointment of representatives to meetings organised by other bodies:* appointed:
 - ✓ Ms Vermot-Mangold (Switzerland, SOC) to take part in the 6th *Alliance against Trafficking in Persons, Conference on "National Monitoring and Report Mechanisms to Address THB: the role of national rapporteurs"* organised by the OSCE, Vienna, 21 May 2007;
 - ✓ Mr Ungureanu (Romania, SOC) to take part in the Committee on Rules of Procedure and Immunities of the Parliamentary Assembly, Biel (Switzerland), 30 May 2007;
 - ✓ Ms Vermot-Mangold (Switzerland, SOC) to take part in the *Seminar on the misuse of the internet for the recruitment of victims of trafficking in human beings* organised by the Gender Equality Division of the Directorate General of Human Rights of the Council of Europe, Strasbourg, 7-8 June 2007;
 - ✓ left it to the Chairperson to appoint a representative to take part in the 37th *meeting of the Steering Committee for Equality between Women and Men* (CDEG), Strasbourg, 13-15 June 2007;
- *Statement by representatives at meetings organised by other bodies:* heard statements by:
 - ✓ Ms Bilgehan (Turkey, SOC) and Ms Hägg (Sweden, SOC) on the hearing on violence against women organised by the European Parliament Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality, Brussels, 11 April 2007;
 - ✓ Ms Hägg (Sweden, SOC) on the Seminar on "*Men's active participation in combating 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 Family, Veterans' Affairs and Intergenerational Solidarity of Croatia, Zagreb, 9-10 May 2007;
- *Reply by the Committee of Ministers:* took note of the reply on *the need to reconcile work and family life*;
- *Its next meetings :* decided to meet in:
 - **Strasbourg**, 4-5 June 2007: 2nd 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;
 - **Strasbourg**, during the 2007 3rd part-session of the Assembly (25-29 June);
 - **Turkey**, 6-7 September 2007; (to be confirmed - subject to the Bureau's authorisation)
 - **Strasbourg**, during the 2007 4th part-session of the Assembly (1-5 October);
 - **Paris** (Council of Europe Office), Friday 7 December 2007 (to be confirmed).

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