

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

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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 6 September 2007 with Ms Hägg (Sweden, SOC) in the Chair:

as regards:

- *Femicides* (Rapporteur: Ms Vermot-Mangold, Switzerland, SOC): held a hearing on this matter with the participation of following experts:

- Ms Alicia Elena Pérez Duarte (Mexico), Special Federal Prosecutor for crimes related to violence against women
- Ms María Sofía del Perpetuo Socorro Castro (Mexico), Chairperson of the Special Committee on information on the legal and political stance on femicides in the country, Chamber of Deputies of Mexico
- Ms Judith Díaz Delgado (Mexico), Chairperson of the Committee on Gender Equality of the Senate of Mexico
- Ms Sandra Fuentes-Beráin, Ambassador of Mexico in Belgium, Permanent Observer of Mexico to the Council of Europe
- Mr Raül Romeva i Rueda (Spain), Rapporteur of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality of the European Parliament
- Mr Giovanni Di Girolamo, Desk Officer Mexico, Directorate General of External Relations, European Commission

The Sub-Committee on trafficking in human beings (of the Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men), meeting in Paris on 7 September 2007 from 9 am to 10 am with Ms Vermot-Mangold (Switzerland, SOC) in the Chair:

as regards:

- *Joint meeting of the Sub-Committee and the FEMM Committee of the European Parliament*: held an exchange of views on the preparation of the meeting to be held on 20 November 2007 in Brussels;

- *Implementation of the Council of Europe Campaign to Combat Trafficking in Human Beings*: heard a statement by the Chairperson, entrusted her to elaborate a motion for a resolution in order to follow the ratification and implementation of the Convention at parliamentary level and heard statements by the Chairperson on her participation in the following events:

cc Secretary General of the Assembly
Director General and Director of the Assembly
All staff of the Secretariat of the Assembly
Secretaries of National Delegations to the Assembly
Secretaries of Political Groups of the Assembly

Director Generals
Director of the Private Office of the Secretary General
Director of Communication and Research
Secretary to the Committee of Ministers
Permanent Representations to the Council of Europe

- ✓ *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;
- ✓ *Seminar on the misuse of the internet for the recruitment of victims of trafficking in human beings* organised by the Gender Equality and Anti-Trafficking Division of the Directorate General of Human Rights of the Council of Europe, Strasbourg, 7-8 June 2007;
- ✓ *Regional Seminar on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings: measures to prevent, protect and prosecute* organised by the Gender Equality and Anti-Trafficking Division of the Directorate General of Human Rights and Legal Affairs of the Council of Europe in co-operation with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Armenia, Yerevan, 5-6 September 2007;

The Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men, meeting in Paris on 7 September 2007 with Ms Bilgehan (Turkey, SOC) in the Chair:

as regards:

- *“Parliaments united in combating domestic violence against women”*: mid-term assessment of the campaign (Rapporteur: Mr Mendes Bota, Portugal, EPP/CD):
 - ✓ considered a draft report, amended and unanimously adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation with a view to presenting the report for debate at the Assembly October 2007 part-session;
 - ✓ heard a statement by the Chairperson on the future parliamentary activities linked to the Council of Europe campaign “Stop domestic violence against women”;
- *Abduction and “re-education” of Muslim women and children who have become too “Western-minded”* (Rapporteur: to be appointed):
 - ✓ heard a statement by the Chairperson;
 - ✓ decided to change the title of the report as follows : “*abduction and illegal confinement of women and girls motivated by practices contrary to human rights*”;
 - ✓ decided to appoint a new Rapporteur at its next meeting ;
- *Access to safe and legal abortion in Europe* (Rapporteur: Ms Wurm, Austria, SOC) : considered an outline report;
- *The role of women in modern societies, including in intercultural and inter-religious dialogue* (Rapporteur: Mrs Circene, Latvia, EPP/CD): considered an outline report;
- *Femicides* (Rapporteur: Ms Vermot-Mangold, Switzerland, SOC) : was informed by the Rapporteur of the outcome of the meeting held in Paris on 6 September and decided in principle to appoint a consultant expert to write an expert paper on this subject;
- *Sub-Committee on Trafficking in Human Beings* (Chairperson: Mrs Vermot-Mangold, Switzerland, SOC): heard a statement by the Chairperson on the meeting held in the morning;
- *Appointment of rapporteurs*: appointed Mrs Cliveti (Romania, SOC) on *The rights of today’s girls: the rights of tomorrow’s women* ;
- *Appointment of representatives to meetings organised by other bodies*: appointed:
 - ✓ Ms Bilgehan (Turkey, SOC) to take part in the *Regional Seminar on Protection and specialised support by the police, health care professionals and social workers for victims of domestic violence* organised by the Council of Europe’s Gender Equality and Anti-Trafficking Division of the Directorate General of Human Rights and Legal Affairs in co-operation with the Ministry of

Labour and Social Policy of “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”, Skopje, 11-12 September 2007;

- ✓ Ms Vermot-Mangold (Switzerland, SOC) to take part in the *Regional Seminar on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings: criminal and procedural measures* organised by the Gender Equality and Anti-Trafficking Division of the Directorate General of Human Rights and Legal Affairs of the Council of Europe in co-operation with the Ministry of Justice of France, Paris, 27-28 September 2007;
 - ✓ Ms Vermot-Mangold (Switzerland, SOC) to take part in the *Regional Seminar on support and protection for victims of domestic violence: services needed* organised by the Council of Europe’s Gender Equality and Anti-Trafficking Division of the Directorate General of Human Rights and Legal Affairs in co-operation with the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health of Finland, Espoo (Finland), 8-9 October 2007;
 - ✓ Ms Čurdová (Czech Republic, SOC) to take part in the regional seminar on *Parliaments and the budgetary process, including from a gender perspective* organised by the Interparliamentary Union in Geneva (Switzerland), 19-21 September 2007;
- *Its Sub-committees*: appointed the following new Italian members in the *Sub-Committee on equal participation of women and men in decision-making*: Mr Bocchino (Titular member) - Mr Rigoni (Alternate member);
- *Its next meetings* : thanked the parliamentary delegation of Austria for its kind invitation to meet in Vienna on 28 and 29 April 2008 and decided to meet in:
- **Strasbourg**, during the 2007 4th part-session of the Assembly (1-5 October);
 - **Brussels**, Tuesday, 20 November 2007 (from 3 pm to 5.30 pm): *Sub-Committee on trafficking in human beings* - Joint meeting with the FEMM Committee of the European Parliament;
 - **Riga (Latvia)**, Friday, 9 November 2007: *Sub-Committee on equal participation of women and men in decision-making* (subject to authorisation by the Bureau);
 - **Turkey**, late autumn: Plenary Committee (subject to confirmation and date to be determined)
 - **Paris** (Council of Europe Office), Friday, 7 December 2007: Plenary Committee (to be confirmed);
 - **Strasbourg**, during the 2008 1st part-session of the Assembly (21-25 January) ;
 - **Paris** (Council of Europe Office), Thursday, 13 March 2008 (Plenary Committee) and Friday, 14 March 2008 (hearing on a subject to be determined) – to be confirmed - ;
 - **Strasbourg**, during the 2008 2nd part-session of the Assembly (14-18 April);
 - **Vienna**, Monday, 28 April 2008: Plenary Committee and Tuesday, 29 April 2008: Third 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 (subject to authorisation by the Bureau).

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