



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 28 April 2009, with first Mr Mendes Bota (Portugal, EPP/CD), First Vice-Chairperson, and then Ms Frahm (Denmark, UEL), newly elected Chairperson, in the Chair:

As regards:

- *Composition of the Committee's Bureau*: following the resignation of Mr Sigfússon (Iceland, UEL), elected Ms Frahm (Denmark, UEL) Chairperson by acclamation;
- *the Maltese list of candidates for the post of judges to the European Court of Human Rights*: adopted a declaration on the issue and instructed its Chairperson to inform the Chairperson of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights thereof, asking the latter to bring the declaration to the attention of the members of her Committee prior to it taking a position on the question;
- *Sexual violence against women in armed conflict* (Rapporteur: Ms Smet, Belgium, EPP/CD): considered an introductory memorandum;
- *Action to combat gender-based human rights violations, including abduction of women and girls* (Rapporteur: Ms Papadopoulos, Cyprus, ALDE): took position on the amendments tabled, and held an exchange of views with Dr Humayra Abedin, survivor of an abduction, in the presence of her lawyer, Ms Anne-Marie Hutchinson;

Resuming its meeting on 29 April 2009 with Ms Frahm (Denmark, UEL) in the Chair:

as regards:

- *Implementation of Recommendation 1847 (2008) on "Combating violence against women: towards a Council of Europe convention"*:
 - ✓ heard a report from the Committee's representative on CAHVIO, Mr Mendes Bota (Portugal, EPP/CD), on the first meeting held in Strasbourg on 6-8 April 2009;

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