



## 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 30 November 2009, with Ms Frahm (Denmark, UEL), Chairperson, in the Chair:

As regards:

- *Action against trafficking: parliamentarians' involvement in promoting the widest possible ratification of the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings* (Rapporteur: Ms Wurm, Austria, SOC): considered a draft report, decided to change the title of the report as follows: "*Action against trafficking in human beings: promoting the Council of Europe Convention*", unanimously adopted the draft resolution and the draft recommendation, with a view to presenting the report to the Assembly at the January 2010 part-session, and proposed to the Bureau that a guest speaker be invited to the debate in the Plenary ;
- *Impact of electoral systems on women's representation in politics* (Rapporteur: Ms Err, Luxembourg, SOC): considered a draft report, decided to change the title of the report as follows: "*Increasing women's representation in politics through the electoral system*", amended and adopted the draft resolution and the draft recommendation, with a view to presenting the report to the Assembly at the January 2010 part-session, and decided to invite Professor Drude Dahlerup (Stockholm University) to a Committee meeting or side event during the January 2010 part-session;
- *Discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity* (Rapporteur for opinion: Ms Memecan, Turkey, ALDE): adopted its opinion including four amendments to the draft texts to be adopted;
- *Cooperation with the Council of Europe Steering Committee on Equality between Women and Men (CDEG)*: heard a statement by Ms Stump (Switzerland, SOC) on the last CDEG meeting in Strasbourg on 25-27 November 2009, and decided to invite Ms Iphigénie Katsaridou, newly elected Chairperson of the CDEG, to the Committee's next meeting in Paris;
- *The wage gap between women and men* (Rapporteur: Mr Wille, Belgium, ALDE): in the absence of the Rapporteur, took note of the draft report submitted by the Rapporteur, and proposed to present the report to the Assembly at the April 2010 part-session;
- *The impact of the economic and financial crisis on women* (Rapporteur: Ms Memecan, Turkey ALDE): considered an outline report;

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- *Implementation of Recommendation 1847 (2008) and Resolution 1635 (2008) on Combating violence against women: towards a Council of Europe convention:*

✓ prepared the 3rd meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (CAHVIO) (Strasbourg, 1-3 December);

✓ heard a statement by the Chairperson on the state of preparation of the regional conference organised jointly by the PACE and the Interparliamentary Union on "migration and violence against women" (Paris, 10-11 December 2009);

✓ heard a statement by Ms Stump, contact parliamentarian for Switzerland, on the seminar on "Combating violence against women in Europe: programme of action of Switzerland and the Council of Europe", organised on the occasion of the meetings of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe in Bern (19-20 November 2009);

- *Appointment of rapporteurs:* appointed the following rapporteurs for opinion:

✓ Ms Memecan (Turkey, ALDE) on *Islam, Islamism and Islamophobia*

✓ Ms Err (Luxembourg, SOC) on *Ad hoc judges: a problem for the legitimacy of the European Court of Human Rights*

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

✓ Ms Kovács (Serbia, EPP/CD) to take part in 2<sup>nd</sup> International Meeting of Roma Women, Athens, 11-12 January 2010;

- *Requests to be seized for opinion:* requested to be seized for opinion on the following two reports:

- The Declaration of Principles on Equality and activities of the Council of Europe
- 15 years since the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development

- *Changes in the membership of the Sub-Committees:* added Ms Tindemans (Belgium, EPP/CD) as a member of the Sub-Committees on violence against women and on equal participation of women and men in decision-making;

- *Date and place of the next meetings of the Committee:*

*Plenary Committee:*

- **Strasbourg**, during the 2010 1<sup>st</sup> part-session of the Assembly (25-29 January);
- **Paris** (Council of Europe office), Thursday, 25 March 2010 and Friday, 26 March 2010 (to be confirmed);
- **Strasbourg**, during the 2010 2<sup>nd</sup> part-session of the Assembly (26-30 April);
- **Paris** (Council of Europe office), Friday 21 May 2010 (to be confirmed);
- **Strasbourg**, during the 2010 3<sup>rd</sup> part-session of the Assembly (21-25 June);
- **Paris** (Council of Europe office), Friday, 10 September 2010 (to be confirmed);
- **Strasbourg**, during the 2010 4<sup>th</sup> part-session of the Assembly (4-8 October).

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