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

The Sub-Committee on equal participation of women and men in decision-making of the Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men, meeting in Lisbon, on 2 and 3 April 2009, with Mrs Err (Luxembourg, SOC) in the Chair:

- participated in the Conference: “*Status and political participation: women as actors of change in the Euro Mediterranean region*” which the Sub-Committee jointly organised with the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe on the subjects of political participation, economic and social status of women, changes in family codes and the role of different actors (parliament, government, NGOs) in the Euro-Mediterranean region,

with the participation of:

- **Ms Nouzha Skalli**, *Minister of Social Development, Family Affairs and Solidarity* (Morocco)
- **Ms Maria Teresa Gonçalves Ribeiro**, *State Secretary for European Affairs* (Portugal)
- **Mr Charles Buchanan**, *Member of the Executive Board of the Fundação Luso-Americana*
- **Ms Deborah Bergamini**, *President of the Executive Council of North-South Centre*
- **Ms Fifi Benaboud**, *Transmed Program Co-ordinator, North-South Centre*
- **Ms Nadia Ait Zai**, *barrister, Director of the Woman's and Children's Information and Documentation Center (CIDDEF)* (Algeria)
- **Ms Rachida Tahri**, *Gender Advisor, Member of the democratic Association of women of Morocco* (Morocco)
- **Ms Amal Osman**, *Member of the People's Assembly* (Egypt)
- **Ms Alima Boumediene**, *Senator* (France)
- **Ms Britt-Marie Lövgren**, *Thematic rapporteur on gender equality of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe*
- **Ms Isabel Romão**, *former Chairperson of the Steering Committee for equality of Council of Europe (CDEG)*
- **Mr Abdelmaksoud Rachdi**, *President of the Euro-med Non-Governmental Platform*
- **Ms Leila Rhiwi**, *Coordinator of UNIFEM of women's rights in the Maghreb*

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- **Ms Simone Susskind**, *President of “Actions in the Mediterranean”* (Belgium)
- **Ms Bouthayna Iraqui-Houssaini**, *President of the Association of Women Entrepreneurs of Morocco, Member of the House of Representatives* (Morocco)
- **Ms Isabel Martínez Lozano**, *Secretary General of Equality Policies, Ministry of Equality* (Spain)
- **Ms Saliha Djefal**, *Member of the Foreign Affairs Committee, National People’s Assembly* (Algeria)
- **Ms Elza Pais**, *Chairperson (President) of the Commission for Citizenship and Gender Equality* (Portugal)
- **Mr Denis Huber**, *Executive Director of the North-South Centre*;

- took note of the conclusions of the Conference prepared jointly by Ms Bergamini, President of the Executive Council of North-South Centre, and by Ms Err, Chairperson of the Subcommittee;

- left it to the Chairperson to convene the next meeting.

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