



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 Istanbul, on 14 May 2009, with Mr Mendes Bota (Portugal, EPP/CD), First Vice-Chairperson, in the Chair:

- *Held an exchange of views on gender equality policy in Turkey* with Nursuna Memecan, Member of the Grand National Assembly, representing the Turkish delegation to the PACE, and with Emine Erdem, President of Soroptimist International of Turkey;

As regards:

- *The urgent need for action on so-called "honour crimes"* (Rapporteur: Mr Austin, United Kingdom, SOC): considered a draft report, decided to change the title to "*The urgent need to combat so-called "honour crimes"*", amended and unanimously adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation with a view to presenting the report to the June 2009 part-session of the Assembly;

- *Sexual violence against women in armed conflict* (Rapporteur: Ms Smet, Belgium, EPP/CD): considered a draft report, amended and unanimously adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation, with a view to presenting the report to the Standing Committee meeting on 29 May 2009 in Ljubljana;

- *Migrant women: at particular risk of domestic violence* (Rapporteur: Ms Woldseth, Norway, EDG): considered a preliminary draft report;

- *The wage gap between women and men* (Rapporteur: Mr Wille, Belgium, ALDE): held an exchange of views on the basis of an introductory memorandum and decided to invite an expert on the issue from the European Commission to its meeting on 8 September 2009 in Paris;

- *Appointment of representatives to meetings organised by other bodies*: left it to its Chairperson to appoint a representative to the 2nd meeting of the Committee of the Parties of the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings, Strasbourg, 15 June 2009;

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- *Date and place of the next meetings of the Committee:*
 - **Strasbourg**, during the 2009 3rd part-session of the Assembly (22-26 June);
 - **Paris** (Council of Europe office), Tuesday, 8 September 2009;
 - **Strasbourg**, during the 2009 4th part-session of the Assembly (28 September – 2 October);
 - **Paris** (Council of Europe office), Monday, 30 November 2009.
- **resuming** its meeting on 15 May 2009 with Ms Circene (Latvia, EPP/CD), Second Vice-Chairperson, then Mr Mendes Bota (Portugal, EPP/CD), First Vice-Chairperson, and Ms Hägg (Sweden, SOC), Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on violence against women, in the Chair :

As regards:

- *Implementation of Resolution 1635 (2008) and Recommendation 1847 (2008) on Combating violence against women: towards a Council of Europe convention:* organised the 1st meeting of the renewed PACE Network of Contact Parliamentarians, with the participation of national contact parliamentarians and:

- Selma Kavaf, Turkish State Minister responsible for Family and Women Affairs,
- Nimet Cubukcu, Turkish Minister of Education and former State Minister for Women and Family Affairs,
- Paul Wille, Vice-President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe,
- Hilary Fisher, former Chairperson of the Council of Europe Task Force to combat violence against women, including domestic violence,
- Clotide Tascon-Mennetrier, member of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe,
- Dubravka Simonovic, Co-Chairperson of the Ad Hoc Committee on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (CAHVIO),
- Lisa Gormley, Legal Adviser, International Law and Women's Rights, Amnesty International,
- Yakin Ertürk, United Nations Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women,
- John Austin, Chair of the "Twelve Plus Group" at the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU).

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