



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 27 April 2010, with Mr Mendes Bota (Portugal, EPP/CD), in the Chair:

As regards:

- *Involving women in the prevention and solution of unsolved conflicts in Europe* (Rapporteur: Ms Kiuru, Finland, SOC): was informed that no amendments had been tabled;
- *Women and the economic and financial crisis* (Rapporteur: Ms Memecan, Turkey, ALDE): was informed that no amendments had been tabled, and asked Ms Wurm (Austria, SOC), the author of the original motion, to present the report to the Assembly in Ms Memecan's absence;
- *Gender budgeting as a tool for safeguarding women's health* (Rapporteur: Ms Circene, Latvia, EPP/CD): considered a draft report and unanimously adopted a preliminary draft recommendation, with a view to presenting the report to the Assembly at the Standing committee meeting in Skopje, 21 May 2010;
- *Cooperation with the Council of Europe Steering Committee on Equality between Women and Men (CDEG)*: prepared the 7th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for equality between women and men, Baku, Azerbaijan, 24-25 May 2010, and decided upon the composition of the Ad Hoc Sub-Committee participating in the exchange of views with the Ministers;
- *The situation of Roma in Europe and relevant activities of the Council of Europe* (Rapporteur for opinion: Ms Kovács, Serbia, EPP/CD): considered, amended and approved a draft opinion including seven amendments to the report tabled by the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights;
- *Other business*: instructed the Chairperson to raise certain staff matters affecting the Committee Secretariat with the President, the Bureau and the Secretary General of the Assembly;

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Resuming its meeting on 28 April 2010 with Mr Mendes Bota (Portugal, EPP/CD), in the Chair:

As regards:

- *Gender budgeting as a tool for safeguarding women's health* (Rapporteur: Ms Circene, Latvia, EPP/CD): took position on four amendments tabled by the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee;
- *Combating sexist stereotypes in the media* (Rapporteur: Ms Stump, Switzerland, SOC): considered and adopted a preliminary draft resolution and a preliminary draft recommendation with a view to presenting the report to the Assembly at the June 2010 part session;
- *Decent pensions for women* (Rapporteur: Ms Čurdová, Czech Republic, SOC): considered an introductory memorandum and instructed the rapporteur to present a draft report to the Committee for adoption at its next meeting with a view to presenting the report to the Assembly at the June 2010 part-session;

Resuming its meeting on 29 April 2010 with Mr Mendes Bota (Portugal, EPP/CD), in the Chair:

As regards:

- *Implementation of Recommendation 1847 (2008) and Resolution 1635 (2008) on Combating violence against women: towards a Council of Europe convention*: heard a statement by the Chairperson, heard some information on the renewed PACE network of contact parliamentarians committed to combat violence against women, and appointed the Chairperson to represent the Committee at the fifth meeting of the CAHVIO (Strasbourg, 28 June – 1 July 2010);
- *Implementation of Recommendation 1895 (2010) and Resolution 1702 (2010) on Action against trafficking in human beings: promoting the Council of Europe convention*: heard a statement by the Chairperson;
- *Appointment of rapporteurs*: appointed the following rapporteur for report:
 - ✓ Mr Michał Stuligrosz (Poland, EPP/CD) on *Violent pornography: a threat to women's dignity and rights*

The Committee also appointed the following rapporteur for opinion:

- ✓ Earl of Dundee (United-Kingdom, EDG) on *The need for reinforced protection of rights of migrant women*
- *Appointment of representatives to meetings organised by other bodies*:
 - ✓ Ms Lydie Err (Luxembourg, SOC) to take part in the OSCE Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting on "Promotion of Gender Balance and Participation of Women in Political and Public Life", to be held in Vienna, 6-7 May 2010;
 - ✓ Ms Mirjana Ferić-Vac (Croatia, SOC) to take part in the International Conference on equality of women and men in national legislation, to be held in Ljubljana, 12 May 2010;
 - ✓ Ms Mailis Reps (Estonia, ALDE) – or, should she be unable to attend, Mr Zhidkikh (Russian Federation, EDG) - to take part in the seminar on "Migrant Women in Ukraine", to be held in Kyiv, 20-21 May 2010.
- *Statements from representatives at meetings organised by other bodies*: heard a statement by Mr Olsson (Sweden, EPP/CD) on "Human Trafficking", Regional Seminar for the 12+ Group (Inter-Parliamentary Union, IPU), 22-23 February 2010, London (United Kingdom);

- *Replies from the Committee of Ministers:* took note of the reply of the Committee of Ministers to the Recommendations on: “Action to combat gender-based human right violations, including abduction of women and girls” and “The urgent need to combat so-called “honour crimes””;
- *Discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity* (Rapporteur: Ms Memecan, Turkey, ALDE): asked the Chairperson to present the opinion to the Assembly in Ms Memecan’s absence;
- *Date and place of the next meetings of the Committee:*

Plenary Committee:

- **Paris** (Council of Europe office), Thursday, 27 May 2010;
- **Strasbourg**, during the 2010 3rd part-session of the Assembly (21-25 June);
- **Paris** (Council of Europe office), Friday, 10 September 2010 (to be confirmed);
- **Strasbourg**, during the 2010 4th part-session of the Assembly (4-8 October);
- **Paris** (Council of Europe office), Thursday and Friday, 2-3 December 2010 (to be confirmed).

Ad hoc Sub-Committee:

- **Baku (Azerbaijan)**, Monday and Tuesday 24-25 May 2010, meeting of the Ad Hoc Sub-Committee to participate in the 7th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Equality between women and men (subject to the authorization of the Bureau).

The Ad hoc Sub-Committee to participate in the 7th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Equality between women and men of the Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men, meeting in Strasbourg on 29 April 2010, with Mr Mendes Bota (Portugal, PPE/CD), Chairperson, in the Chair:

- held an exchange of views on the PACE contribution to the 7th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Equality between women and men which will take place in Baku, Azerbaijan, on 24-25 May 2010;
- prepared the exchange of views which will take place on 25 May 2010 in camera with the Ministers and State Secretaries responsible for equality between women and men;
- decided to organise, on the sidelines of the ministerial conference, bilateral meetings with the representatives of the Parliament of Azerbaijan responsible for gender issues and with women’s organisations, and hold a press conference on 26 May 2010;
- agreed to meet on 24-25 May 2010 in Baku, subject to the authorisation of the Bureau.

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