



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

As regards:

- *Decent pensions for women* (Rapporteur: Ms Čurďová, Czech Republic, SOC): in the absence of the rapporteur, considered a draft report, amended and unanimously adopted a preliminary draft resolution and a preliminary draft recommendation, with a view to presenting the report to the Assembly at June part-session 2010;
- *Extending the “most favoured European woman clause” to all Council of Europe member states* (Rapporteur: Ms Circene, Latvia, EPP/CD): in the absence of the rapporteur, considered an outline report;
- *A minimum of 30% of each sex in Assembly national delegations* (Rapporteur for opinion: Ms Keleş, Turkey, SOC): heard a statement by the rapporteur and with a view to preparing its opinion organised an exchange of views following the adoption of the report by the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs;
- *Cooperation with the Council of Europe Steering Committee on Equality between Women and Men (CDEG)*:
 - ✓ heard a statement by Mr José Mendes Bota (Portugal, EPP/CD) who took part in the 44th meeting of the Steering Committee for Equal Opportunities between Women and Men (CDEG) in Baku, 23 May 2010 (on the occasion of the 7th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Equality between Women and Men);
 - ✓ heard a statement by the Chairperson on the participation of the Ad Hoc Sub-Committee of the Committee in the 7th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for equality between women and men which was held in Baku, Azerbaijan, 24-25 May 2010, and on the bilateral meetings organised by the Ad Hoc Sub-Committees on the occasion of the Conference of Ministers;
- *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 with a view to preparing the fifth meeting of the CAHVIO (Strasbourg, 29 June – 2 July 2010);

cc. Secretary General of the Assembly
Director General, Directors and all staff of the Secretariat of the Assembly
Secretaries of National Delegations to the Assembly
Secretaries of Political Groups of the Assembly
Observers to the Assembly
Secretary General of the Congress
Secretary to the Committee of Ministers
Directors General
Special Representative of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe for Organisation Developments and Reform
Director of the Private Office of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe
Director of the Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights
Director of Communication
Permanent Representations to the Council of Europe

- *6th meeting of the Women members of the Assembly*: held an exchange of views on the preparation of the 6th meeting of the Women members of the Assembly during the June part-session 2010, which will be devoted to the subject "Combating sexist stereotypes in the media";

- *Appointment of rapporteurs*: appointed the following rapporteur for report:

- ✓ Mr Vladimir Zhidkikh (Russian Federation, EDG) on *Securing the fundamental right to equality between women and men in the European Convention on Human Rights*

- *Forum for the Future of Democracy*: decided to postpone the appointment of the members to take part in the Ad Hoc Sub-Committee of the Bureau of the Assembly (to participate in the 2010 Session of the Forum for the Future of Democracy), to be held in Yerevan (Armenia), on 19-20 October 2010

- *Statements from representatives at meetings organised by other bodies*: heard a statement by Ms Lydie Err (Luxembourg, SOC) who took part in the OSCE Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting on "Promotion of Gender Balance and Participation of Women in Political and Public Life", held in Vienna, 6-7 May 2010;

- *Other business*:

- ✓ authorised the Chairperson to contact Ms Joy Ngozi Ezeilo, United Nations Special Rapporteur on Trafficking in Persons, especially women and children, in light of her participation in the interparliamentary conference on trafficking in human beings organised by the PACE in Paris, on 3 December 2010;
- ✓ took note of the availability of Ms Err (Luxembourg, SOC), Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on trafficking in human beings, to participate, if necessary, in the conference on trafficking in human beings organised by the European Parliament in Brussels on 10 June 2010 (subject to availability of funds).

- *Islam, Islamism and Islamophobia in Europe* (Rapporteur for opinion: Ms Memecan, Turkey, ALDE): heard a statement by the rapporteur, and with a view to preparing its opinion organised an exchange of views following the adoption of the report by the Committee on Culture, Science and Education, with:

- Ms Neslihan Akbulut, Sociologist, Turkey

- Dr Jill Marshall, senior lecturer at Queen Mary, University of London, United Kingdom

- Mr André Gerin, Rhône Parliamentarian, France, Chairperson of the National Assembly information mission on wearing the full veil on the national territory.

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

- **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).

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