



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 21 June 2010, with Ms Doris Stump (Switzerland, SOC), in the Chair:

As regards:

- *Islam, Islamism and Islamophobia in Europe* (Rapporteur for opinion: Ms Memecan, Turkey, ALDE): considered, amended and approved a draft opinion including 9 amendments to the report tabled by the Committee on Culture, Science and Education;
- *Combating sexist stereotypes in the media* (Rapporteur: Ms Stump, Switzerland, SOC): heard a statement by the rapporteur and decided to postpone this point to the meeting to be held on Thursday morning;
- *Fighting the global backlash against women's human rights* (Rapporteur: Ms Err, Luxembourg, SOC): heard a statement by the rapporteur and held an exchange of views;

Resuming its meeting on 24 June 2010 at 8.30 am, with Mr Mendes Bota (Portugal, EPP/CD), Chairperson, in the Chair:

- *Combating sexist stereotypes in the media* (Rapporteur: Ms Stump, Switzerland, SOC): heard a statement by the rapporteur and unanimously approved an amendment presented by the rapporteur;
- *Forum for the Future of Democracy*: appointed the following members to take part in the *Ad Hoc* Committee of the Bureau of the Assembly (to participate in the 2010 Session of the Forum for the Future of Democracy), in Yerevan (Armenia), on 19 and 20 October 2010:

- Mr James Clappison, United Kingdom, EDG
- Ms Lydie Err, Luxembourg, SOC
- Ms Ingrida Circene, Latvia, EPP/CD
- Mr Vladimir Zhidkikh, Russian Federation, EDG
- Ms Virág Kaufer, Hungary, NR

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- *Implementation of Recommendation 1847 (2008) and Resolution 1635 (2008) on Combating violence against women: towards a Council of Europe convention:*
 - ✓ heard a statement from Mr Carlo Chiaromonte, Secretary of the CAHVIO;
 - ✓ prepared the fifth meeting of the CAHVIO (Strasbourg, 29 June – 2 July 2010) and adopted its position on the revised text of the future Convention;
 - ✓ decided to organize a meeting of the network of contact parliamentarians committed to combat violence against women during the October part-Session with a view to launching a parliamentary pan-European initiative around 25 November 2010 (International Day on the elimination of violence against women) and proposed to convene a meeting of the Sub-Committee on violence against women on 10 September 2010 in Paris.
- *Cooperation with the European Union:* prepared the exchange of views of Mr Mendes Bota (Portugal, EPP/CD) with the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality (FEMM) of the European Parliament, on 14 July 2010 and had an exchange of views on the subjects to be raised;
- *More women in economic and social decision-making bodies* (Rapporteur: Ms Gautier, France, EPP/CD): in the absence of the rapporteur, prepared the hearing to be held in Paris on Friday 10 September 2010;

Resuming its meeting on 24 June 2010 at 2 pm, with Mr Mendes Bota (Portugal, EPP/CD), Chairperson, in the Chair:

- *Combating sexist stereotypes in the media* (Rapporteur: Ms Stump, Switzerland, SOC): took position on four amendments;
- *Decent pensions for women* (Rapporteur: Ms Čurdová, Czech Republic, SOC): took position on two amendments tabled by the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee;
- *Appointment of rapporteurs:* appointed the following rapporteurs for reports:
 - ✓ Ms Krista Kiuru (Finland, SOC) on *European norms concerning the enforcement and supervision of restraining orders in case of gender-based violence*;
 - ✓ Ms Elvira Kovács (Serbia, EPP/CD) on *Action to combat violence against women must also take account of psychological violence*;
 - ✓ Ms Doris Stump (Switzerland, SOC) on *Sex-selective abortion – “Gendercide”*.

And decided to postpone the appointment of a rapporteur for the following opinion:

- ✓ *Request from the Parliament of Morocco for partner for democracy status within the Parliamentary Assembly* (Rapporteur of the Political Affairs Committee: Mr Volontè, Italy, EPP/CD).
- *Appointment of representatives to meetings organised by other bodies:*
 - ✓ Mr José Mendes Bota (Portugal, EPP/CD) to take part in the Regional Workshop for Arab Parliaments on "Implementing CEDAW and ending violence against women", to be organised in Beirut on 27-29 July 2010 by the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UN-ESCWA), the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), the Lebanese Parliament and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) (subject to the authorisation of the Bureau);
 - ✓ Ms Carmen Quintanilla Barba (Spain, EPP/CD) to take part in the thematic debate on Partnerships among international organisations active in the field of trafficking in human beings: need for co-ordinated action in the framework of the 4th meeting of the Committee of the Parties to the CoE Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings, Strasbourg, 13 September 2010.

- *Replies from the Committee of Ministers:* took note of the reply of the Committee of Ministers to the recommendation on “Rape of women, including marital rape”;
- *Date and place of the next meetings of the Committee:*

Plenary Committee:

- **Paris** (Council of Europe office), Friday, 10 September 2010 (9.30 am – 12.30 pm and 2 pm - 4.30 pm);
- **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;
- **Strasbourg**, during the 2011 1st part session of the Assembly (24-28 January).

Sub-Committee on violence against women:

- **Paris** (Council of Europe office), Friday, 10 September 2010 (9 am - 9.30 am).

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