



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

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The Ad hoc Sub-Committee of the Committee on Equal Opportunities to participate in the 7th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Equality between women and men, meeting in Baku from 24 until 26 May 2010, with Mr Mendes Bota (Portugal, EPP/CD), in the Chair:

- participated in the 7th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Equality between women and men;

- under the Chairmanship of Ms Huseynova, Chairperson of the 7th Conference of Ministers and Mr Mendes Bota, Chairperson of the Ad hoc Sub-Committee, organised an exchange of views with the following Ministers and State Secretaries :

- Ms Sulka, Deputy Minister of Labour, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, Albania;
- Ms Huseynova, Chairperson of the State Committee for Family, Women and Children Affairs, Azerbaijan;
- Ms Filipovic-Hadziabdic, Director of the Agency for Gender Equality, representing Mr Halilovic, Minister for Human rights and Refugees, Bosnia and Herzegovina;
- Ms Kervalishvili, Deputy Chairperson of the Parliament of Georgia, Chairperson of the Gender Equality Council, Georgia;
- Ms Morkuniene, Vice-Minister and the Chairperson of the Commission on Equality between women and men, Lithuania;
- Mr Sainciuc, Deputy Minister of Labour, Social Protection and Family, Moldova;
- Ms Hole, Director General, Royal Ministry of Children, Equality and Social Inclusion, Norway;
- Ms Radziszewska, Secretary of State, Plenipotentiary of the government for equal treatment, Poland;
- Ms Croitoru, National Agency for equal opportunities between women and men, representing Ms Mota, State Secretary, Romania;
- Ms Schulz, Director of the Federal Bureau on Equality between women and men, Switzerland;
- Mr Syzenko, Deputy Minister for Family, Youth and Sport, Ukraine.

cc. Secretary General of the Assembly
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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

- Organised bilateral meetings with:
 - Rabiyyat Aslanova, Chairperson of the Standing Commission on Human Rights and Ali Huseynov, Chairperson of the Standing Commission on Legal Policy and State Building Issues;
 - Ziyafa Asgarov, First Vice-Speaker of the Parliament and Ganira Pashayeva, Member of PACE;
 - NGO Representatives Shahla Ismailova, Chairwoman of the Women's Association for Rational Development (WARD), Advisor of Global Fund for Women (GFW), Ulviyya Mammadova, Project Director, Public Union for Gender Equality and Women's Initiatives, David Rubino, Director, American Bar Association, Rule of Law Initiative (ABA ROLI), Mehriban Zeynalova, "Clean World", Charity for the assistance to women;
 - Representatives of the international community Philippe Jottard, Ambassador of Belgium, Jon Ramberg, Ambassador of Norway, Veronika Kotek, Special Representative of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe and Bilge Cankorel, Ambassador, OSCE;
 - Mubariz Gurbanli, Parliamentarian, Executive Deputy Secretary of the Yeni Azerbaijan Party and Arzu Samedbeyli, Parliamentarian, Deputy Chairman of the Musavat Party, for the presentation of the PACE Gender Equality Prize.

- visited two shelters for women victims of domestic violence and trafficking.

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