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Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men

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The Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men, meeting in Strasbourg from 25 to 27 January 2011, first with Ms Gautier (France, EPP/CD), oldest member present, and then Mr Mendes Bota (Portugal, EPP/CD) in the Chair:

re-elected by acclamation:

- Mr Mendes Bota (Portugal, EPP/CD), Chairperson,
- Ms Gautier (France, EPP/CD), 1st Vice-Chairperson,
- Ms Ferić-Vac (Croatia, SOC), 2nd Vice-Chairperson,
- Ms Stump (Switzerland, SOC), 3rd Vice-Chairperson.

As regards:

- **Challenge on procedural grounds of the still unratified credentials of the parliamentary delegations of Montenegro, San Marino and Serbia**: heard a statement by its Chairperson and supported his and other members of the Committee's initiative of tabling three amendments to the preliminary draft resolution tabled by the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs;
- **Monitoring of commitments concerning social rights** (*Rapporteur for opinion: Ms Keleş, Turkey, SOC*): approved a draft opinion to the report tabled by the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee, including 4 amendments;
- **Draft Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence** (*Rapporteur: Mr Mendes Bota, Portugal, EPP/CD*): heard a statement by its Chairperson on his participation in the 9th meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (CAHVIO, 17-21 January 2011); took note of the draft Convention; held an exchange of views on a draft opinion on the Convention and decided to place the approval of the opinion on the agenda of its next meeting;

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 Organisational Development 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

- **More women in economic and social decision-making bodies** (*Rapporteur: Ms Gautier, France, EPP/CD*): held an exchange of views on a draft report; instructed its Rapporteur to prepare a preliminary draft recommendation and postponed the approval of the draft report and the adoption of a preliminary draft resolution and a preliminary draft recommendation to its next meeting, in view of an Assembly debate during the June part-session 2011;
- **Sex-selective abortion – ‘Gendercide’** (*Rapporteur: Ms Stump, Switzerland, SOC*): held an exchange of views on the basis of a memorandum; decided to modify the title of the report to ‘Pre-natal sex selection’; supported the Rapporteur’s proposal to send a questionnaire to the parliamentary delegations of Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia; and took note of the Rapporteur’s wish to conduct two fact-finding visits to countries to be identified on the basis of the replies to the questionnaire;
- **Establishment of a European Observatory of Murdered Women**: held an exchange of views and agreed on a concept paper prepared by its Chairperson; asked the PACE Network of contact parliamentarians committed to combating violence against women to identify non-governmental organisations in their countries suitable to act as partners in the establishment of the Observatory, and to report back to it during the April part-session 2011;
- **PACE Network of contact parliamentarians committed to combating violence against women**: held the third meeting of the Network; held an exchange of views on the role of the contact parliamentarians in implementing the concept paper on the establishment of a European Observatory of Murdered Women; confirmed its invitation to contact parliamentarians to organise events on the theme of violence against women to mark the celebration of the next International Women’s Day; and held an exchange of views on the Network’s composition and working methods;
- **Request from the Parliament of Morocco for partner for democracy status within the Parliamentary Assembly** (*Rapporteur for opinion: Ms Memeçan, Turkey, ALDE*): held an exchange of views with Ms Fatiha Layadi (member of parliament, Morocco) on developments in the field of gender equality in that country;
- **Implementation of the strategy on gender mainstreaming**: held an exchange of views on its work programme and agreed on its priorities for 2011;
- **Violent pornography: a threat to women’s dignity and rights** (*Rapporteur: Mr Stuligrosz, Poland, EPP/CD*): held an exchange of views on the basis of an outline for a report;
- **Reconstitution of its sub-committees**: reconstituted its sub-committees on violence against women, equal participation of women and men in decision-making and trafficking in human beings, with the composition indicated in the Appendix;
- **Next meetings**: decided to bring forward its meeting foreseen on 21 March 2011 to 17 February 2011, and confirmed its next meetings as follows:
 - Paris (Council of Europe office), Thursday, 17 February 2011;
 - Strasbourg, during the 2011 2nd part-session of the Assembly (11-15 April);
 - Paris (Council of Europe office), Friday, 3 June 2011;
 - Strasbourg, during the 2011 3rd part session of the Assembly (20-24 June);
 - Paris (Council of Europe office), Friday, 9 September 2011.

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APPENDIX

Sub-Committee on equal participation of women and men in decision-making
Sous-commission sur la participation paritaire des femmes et des hommes
à la prise de décision

List of members / liste des membres (28 seats / 28 sièges)

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7.	Ms	ERR	Luxembourg		
8.	Ms	GAFAROVA	Azerbaijan		
9.	Ms	GAJDŮŠKOVÁ	Czech Republic		
10.	Ms	GAUTIER	France		
11.	Ms	HÄGG	Sweden	Mr	Von SYDOW
12.	Ms	JOHN-CALAME	Switzerland		
13.	Ms	KELEŞ	Turkey		
14.	Ms	KIURU	Finland		
15.	Ms	KYRIAKIDOU	Cyprus	Mr	SARIKAS
16.	Mr	LEYDEN	Ireland	Mr	O'SHEA
17.	Ms	MEMECAN	Turkey		
18.	Ms	REPS	Estonia		
19.	Ms	SOLIANI	Italy	Mr	ZELLER
20.	Ms	VOLOZHINSKAYA	Russian Federation	Mr	ZHIDKIKH

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Sub-Committee on violence against women

Sous-commission sur la violence à l'égard des femmes

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13.	Ms	MIKUTIENĚ
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