



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 17 February 2011, with Mr Mendes Bota (Portugal, EPP/CD) in the Chair,

as regards:

- ***The situation in Egypt and Tunisia***: held an exchange of views and approved a statement on gender equality and women's rights in the context of the democratisation process in these countries;

- ***Draft Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence*** (Rapporteur: Mr Mendes Bota, Portugal, EPP/CD): considered and approved a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft opinion, as amended;

- ***More women in economic and social decision-making bodies*** (Rapporteur: Ms Gautier, France, EPP/CD): considered and approved a revised draft report and unanimously adopted a preliminary draft resolution and a preliminary draft recommendation;

- ***Reform of the Assembly***: held an exchange of views on the basis of the draft report of the ad hoc committee of the Bureau on the reform of the Parliamentary Assembly (Chairperson: Mr Mignon, France, EPP/CD), with the participation of Mr Wojciech Sawicki, Secretary General of the Assembly, and decided to revert to this issue during the April part-session 2011;

- ***Gender mainstreaming and equality in the work of the Assembly***: held an exchange of views on the basis of a revised memorandum by its Chairperson and confirmed its support to it;

- ***European norms concerning the enforcement and supervision of restraining orders in case of gender-based violence*** (Rapporteur: Ms Kiuru, Finland, SOC): heard a statement by the Rapporteur and held an exchange of views with Ms Johanna Niemi, Professor of Law (University of Helsinki) and expert consultant for the preparation of this report;

- ***Appointment of rapporteurs***: appointed:

- Ms Stavrositu (Romania, EPP/CD) as rapporteur for report on *Best practices for promoting gender equality in political parties*;

- Ms Hägg (Sweden, SOC) as rapporteur for opinion on *Request for Partner for Democracy status with the Parliamentary Assembly submitted by the Palestinian National Council*;

- Ms Circene (Latvia, EPP/CD) as rapporteur for opinion on *Protecting migrant women in the labour market*;

and heard from them statements concerning the absence of conflicts of interest;

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

- **Appointment of representatives to meetings organised by other bodies:** appointed:

- Ms Rupprecht (Germany, SOC) and Ms Saïdi (Belgium, SOC) as its representatives to the 2011 meeting of the International Women's Day interparliamentary committee, organised by the FEMM Committee of the European Parliament (Brussels, 3 March 2011), at no cost to the Assembly;

- Mr Mendes Bota (Portugal, EPP/CD) as its representative at the Conference on Involving Men in Companies' Gender Equality Policies, organised by the *Observatoire sur la responsabilité sociétale des entreprises (ORSE)* (Paris, 4 March 2011), *subject to financial availability*;

- Mr Mendes Bota (Portugal, EPP/CD) to participate in an exchange of views with the Rapporteurs' Group on Judicial Co-operation of the Council of Europe (GR-J) on the Draft Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence with the GR-J (Strasbourg, 22 March 2011), *subject to financial availability*;

- Mr Mendes Bota (Portugal, EPP/CD) to participate in an exchange of views on the Draft Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence, organised by the FEMM Committee of the European Parliament (Brussels, 15 June 2011), *subject to financial availability*;

- decided to send a representative, to be identified, to the 46th meeting of the Steering Committee for Equality between Women and Men (CDEG) (Strasbourg, 30 March – 1 April 2011), *subject to financial availability*;

- **Place and date of the next meetings of the Committee:** it decided to hold its next meetings as follows:

- 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), 9 September 2011;
- Strasbourg, during the 2011 4th part-session of the Assembly (3-7 October 2011).

The sub-committee on equal participation of women and men in decision-making, meeting in Paris on 17 February 2011, first with Ms Gautier (France, EPP/CD), senior member present, and then Ms Circene (Latvia, EPP/CD) in the Chair:

as regards:

- *election of the sub-committee's Bureau:* elected Ms Circene (Latvia, EPP/CD) Chairperson and Ms Hägg (Sweden, SOC) Vice-Chairperson, by acclamation;

- *its next meeting:* left it to its Chairperson to decide the date and place of its next meeting.

The sub-committee on violence against women, meeting in Paris on 17 February 2011, first with Ms Circene (Latvia, EPP/CD), senior member present, and then Ms Wurm (Austria, SOC) in the Chair:

as regards:

- *election of the sub-committee's Bureau:* elected Ms Wurm (Austria, SOC) Chairperson and Ms Memeçan (Turkey, ALDE) Vice-Chairperson, by acclamation;

- *its next meeting:* left it to its Chairperson to decide the date and place of the next meeting.

The sub-committee on trafficking in human beings meeting in Paris on 17 February 2011, first with Ms Circene (Latvia, EPP/CD), senior member present, and then Ms Err (Luxembourg, SOC) in the Chair:

as regards:

- *election of the sub-committee's Bureau:* elected Ms Err (Luxembourg, SOC) Chairperson, and Ms Quintanilla Barba (Spain, EPP/CD) Vice-Chairperson, by acclamation;
- *its next meeting:* left it to its Chairperson to decide the date and place of the next meeting.

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