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Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination

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The Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, meeting in Strasbourg from 23 to 26 January 2012, first with Ms Err (Luxembourg, SOC), oldest member present, and then Ms Acketoft (Sweden, ALDE) and Mr Mendes Bota (EPP/CD) in the Chair,

held an exchange of views with the President of the Parliamentary Assembly, Mr Jean-Claude Mignon (France, EPP/CD).

As regards:

- **Election of the Bureau of the Committee**: elected by acclamation:
 - Ms Acketoft (Sweden, ALDE) as Chairperson,
 - Ms Konečná (Czech Republic, UEL), Mr Mendes Bota (Portugal, EPP/CD) and Ms Wurm (Austria, SOC) as Vice-Chairpersons;¹
- **Standing sub-committees**: constituted the following standing sub-committees:
 - **on gender equality,**
 - **on the rights of minorities,**
 - **on racism and xenophobia,**and approved the terms of reference of the former two;

¹ *At its meeting on 27 January 2012, the Bureau decided:*

1) *to ask the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs to provide an interpretation of the procedure for the establishment of the order of precedence of Vice-Chairpersons of Committees and to report back to the Bureau;*

2) *pending the reply from the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs, to invite the Assembly committees not to apply an order of precedence of the elected Vice-Chairpersons.*

cc. Secretary General of the Assembly
Director General, Directors and all staff of the Secretariat of the Assembly
Secretaries of National Delegations and of Political Groups of the Assembly
Secretaries of observer and partner for democracy delegations
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

- **General rapporteurs:**
 - determined the terms of reference of a **general rapporteur on violence against women**, asked its Chairperson to submit them to the Bureau for approval and appointed Mr Mendes Bota (Portugal, EPP/CD) as general rapporteur, subject to approval of the terms of reference by the Bureau and their ratification by the Assembly, according to Rule 49.7 of the Assembly's Rules of procedure;
 - determined the terms of reference of a **general rapporteur on the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender persons (LGBTs)**, asked its Chairperson to submit them to the Bureau for approval and decided to postpone the appointment of this general rapporteur to its next meeting, subject to approval of the terms of reference by the Bureau and their ratification by the Assembly according to Rule 49.7 of the Assembly's Rules of procedure;
- **Committee's priorities for 2012:** held an exchange of views on the basis of a discussion paper presented by its Chairperson;
- **The role of UN Women in promoting women's rights:** held an exchange of views with Ms Michelle Bachelet, United Nations Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director of UN Women;
- **Advancing women's rights worldwide** (*Rapporteur: Ms Err, Luxembourg, SOC*): took position on the amendments tabled to the draft resolution;
- **Promoting the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence** (*Rapporteur: Mr Mendes Bota, Portugal, EPP/CD*): took position on the amendments tabled to the draft resolution;
- **PACE Network of contact parliamentarians committed to combating violence against women:** held a meeting of the Network, during which a hearing on 'so-called honour crimes' was organised with the participation of Ms Thibault, President of the NGO *Surgir* (Switzerland), Ms Siddiqui, Policy and Research officer at the NGO Southall Black Sisters (United Kingdom) and Ms Liri Kopaçi-Di Michele, Head of Division at the Justice and Human Dignity Directorate of the Council of Europe, and decided to change the name of the Network to 'Parliamentary Network women free from violence';
- **Best practices for promoting gender equality in political parties** (*Rapporteur: Ms Stavrositu, Romania, EPP/CD*): considered a revised memorandum and called on its members to ensure that the questionnaire prepared to collect information is completed and returned to the Secretariat;
- **Gender equality and the status of women in the Council of Europe southern neighbourhood** (*Rapporteur: Ms Saïdi, Belgium, SOC*): considered a revised memorandum;
- **Assembly's institutional representation:** appointed Mr Cilevičs (Latvia, SOC) as representative to the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI) for 2012 ;
- **Appointment of Rapporteurs:** appointed:
 - Ms Mogherini Rebesani (Italy, SOC) as rapporteur on **the Role of NGOs in countering nationalism, migrantophobia and xenophobia in Europe**;
 - Ms Kyriakidou (Cyprus, SOC) as rapporteur on **Muslim Women in Europe: for equal opportunities**;
 - Ms Bourzai (France, SOC) as rapporteur for opinion on the **Request for partner for democracy status with the Parliamentary Assembly submitted by the Parliament of the Kyrgyz Republic**;
- **Membership of sub-committees:** approved of the membership of sub-committees as indicated in the appendix;
- **Representation of the committee:** appointed Ms Saïdi to participate in *the 7th Meeting of the Committee of the Parties of the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings*, Strasbourg, 30 January 2012;

- **Date and place of the next meetings of the Committee:** decided to hold its next meetings as follows:

- Paris, 20 March 2012 (including meetings of sub-committees);
- Strasbourg, during the 2012 2nd part-session of the Assembly (23-27 April);
- Paris, 4 June 2012;
- (Paris, 5 June 2012, meeting of the Parliamentary Network women free from violence);
- Strasbourg, during the 2012 3rd part-session of the Assembly (25-29 June);
- Paris, 10 September 2012;
- Strasbourg, during the 2012 4th part-session of the Assembly (1-5 October);
- Paris, 15 November 2012.

Sonia Sirtori, Marine Trévisan, Giorgio Loddo, Elodie Fischer

APPENDIX

Sub-committee on gender equality *Sous-commission sur l'égalité de genre*

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

	Country / pays	Member / titulaire	Alternate / suppléant
1.	Andorra / <i>Andorre</i>	Mme Silvia Eloisa BONET PEROT	
2.	Armenia / <i>Arménie</i>	Ms Hermine NAGHDALYAN	Mr Grigori MARGARYAN
3.	Belgium / <i>Belgique</i>	Mme Fatiah SAIDI	Ms Cindy FRANSEN
4.	Cyprus / <i>Chypre</i>	Ms Athina KYRIAKIDOU	
5.	Finland / <i>Finlande</i>	Ms Riitta MYLLER	
6.	France	Mme Marie-Jo ZIMMERMAN	Mme Bernadette BOURZAI
7.	Greece / <i>Grèce</i>	Mr Alexandros ATHANASIADIS	Mr Dimitrios PAPANIMOLIS
8.	Hungary / <i>Hongrie</i>	Mr Attila GRUBER	
9.	Ireland / <i>Irlande</i>	Mr Terry LEYDEN	Mr Michael MCNAMARA
10.	Italy / <i>Italie</i>	Ms Anna Maria CARLONI	Mr Giuseppe VALENTINO
11.	Lithuania / <i>Lituanie</i>	Ms Dangute MIKUTIENE	Mr Arminas LYDEKA
12.	Malta / <i>Malte</i>	Mr Francis AGIUS	
13.	Monaco	Mr Jean-Charles GARDETTO	
14.	Montenegro / <i>Monténégro</i>	Ms Snezana JONICA	
15.	Netherlands / <i>Pays- Bas</i>	Ms Khadija ARIB	Ms Reinette KLEVER
16.	Norway / <i>Norvège</i>	Mr Håkon HAUGLI	
17.	Portugal	Mr Mendes BOTA	
18.	Serbia / <i>Serbie</i>	Ms Elvira KOVACS	
19.	Spain / <i>Espagne</i>	Mme Carmen QUINTANILA	Ms Delia BLANCO
20.	Sweden / <i>Suède</i>	Ms Carina HAGG	Mr Jonas GUNNARSSON
21.	Switzerland / <i>Suisse</i>	Mr Gerhard PFISTER	
22.	Turkey / <i>Turquie</i>	Ms Gülsün BİLGEHAN	
23.	United Kingdom / <i>Royaume-Uni</i>	Ms Amber RUDD	Ms Sandra OSBORNE

Ex officio : Ms Tina Acketoft (Chairperson of the Committee, Sweden)

Sub-committee on rights of minorities
Sous-commission sur les droits des minorités

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1.	Armenia / <i>Arménie</i>	Ms Hermine NAGHDALYAN	Mr Grigori MARGARYAN
2.	Belgium / <i>Belgique</i>	Mr Danny PIETERS	Mr Armand De DECKER
3.	Cyprus / <i>Chypre</i>	Ms Athina KYRIAKIDOU	
4.	Finland / <i>Finlande</i>	Ms Pirkko MATTILA	
5.	France	M. Jean-Marie BOCKEL	M. Eric BOCQUET
6.	Greece / <i>Grèce</i>	Mr Konstantinos AIVALIOTIS	Ms Sophia GIANNAKA
7.	Hungary / <i>Hongrie</i>	Mr Ferenc KALMAR	
8.	Ireland / <i>Irlande</i>	Mr Michael McNAMARA	Mr Terry LEYDEN
9.	Italy / <i>Italie</i>	Mr Karl ZELLER	Mr Andrea RIGONI
10.	Latvia / <i>Lettonie</i>	Mr Boris CILEVIČS	
11.	Lithuania / <i>Lituanie</i>	Mr Arminas LYDEKA	Ms Danguė MIKUTIENE
12.	Luxembourg	Mr Félix BRAZ	
12.	Malta / <i>Malte</i>	Mr Francis AGIUS	
13.	Moldova / <i>Moldavie</i>	Mr Valeriu GHILETCHI	
14.	Monaco	Ms Nicole MANZONE-SAQUET	
15.	Montenegro	Ms Valentina RADULOVIĆ- ŠČEPANOVIĆ	
15.	Netherlands / <i>Pays-Bas</i>	Mr Pieter OMTZIGT	Ms Cora VAN NIEUWENHUIZEN
16.	Poland / <i>Pologne</i>	Mr Robert BIEDRON	
17.	Serbia / <i>Serbie</i>	Ms Elvira KOVACS	Ms Natasa VUCKOVIC
18.	Spain / <i>Espagne</i>	Ms Delia BLANCO	Ms Carmen QUINTANILLA BARBA
19.	Sweden / <i>Suède</i>	Ms Marietta POURBAIX- LUNDIN	
20.	Switzerland / <i>Suisse</i>	M. Gerhard PFISTER	
21.	Turkey / <i>Turquie</i>	Ms Tülin Erkal KARA	
22.	Ukraine / <i>Ukraine</i>	Mr Ivan POPESCU	
23.	United Kingdom / <i>Royaume-Uni</i>	Baroness NICHOLSON	Lord AHMAD

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Sub-committee on racism and xenophobia
Sous-commission sur le racisme et la xénophobie

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3.	France	M. Frédéric REISS	M. Jean-Marie BOCKEL
4.	Hungary / <i>Hongrie</i>	Mr Attila GRUBER	
5.	Italy / <i>Italie</i>	Ms Federica MOGHERINI REBESANI	Ms Rossana BOLDI
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9.	Turkey / <i>Turquie</i>	Mr Ahmet Kutalmış TÜRKEŞ	

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