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To the members of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination

Synopsis of the meeting held in Paris on 4 June 2012

The Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, meeting in Paris on 4 June 2012, with Ms Tina Acketoft (Sweden, ALDE) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Muslim women in Europe: for equal opportunities** (*Rapporteur: Ms Athina Kyriakidou, Cyprus, SOC*): approved a draft report, decided to change the title of the report to “Multiple discrimination against Muslim women in Europe: for equal opportunities”, and unanimously adopted a preliminary draft resolution, in view of a debate to be held during the June 2012 part-session;
- **Prenatal sex selection – Follow up** (*Former rapporteur: Ms Doris Stump, Switzerland, SOC*): held an exchange of views with Mr Christophe Guilmo, Director of research in demography, Centre Population and Development (CEPED), University Paris Descartes;
- **National developments: France**
 - a) **The repeal of the law on sexual harassment**: heard a statement by Ms Bernadette Bourzai (*France, SOC*) and approved a declaration on “The urgency of introducing legislation on sexual harassment in France”;
 - b) **National anti-discrimination bodies: the Rights’ Defender**: held an exchange of views with Ms Maryvonne Lyazid, Deputy Rights’ Defender and Vice-Chair of the Panel in charge of combating discrimination and promoting equality (France);
- **Role of NGOs in countering nationalism, migrantophobia and xenophobia in Europe** (*Rapporteur: Ms Federica Mogherini Rebesani, Italy, SOC*): considered an outline for a report, decided to change the title of the report to “NGOs’ role in combating intolerance, racism and xenophobia”, and held a hearing with the participation of Ms Anna Triandafyllidou, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, European University Institute, Florence, and Dr William Ejal, former member of the Bureau of the European Network Against Racism (ENAR), Hungary;
- **The rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people (LGBTs)** (*General rapporteur: Mr Håkon Haugli, Norway, SOC*): heard a statement by the General rapporteur, held an exchange of views on the basis of a memorandum and authorised him to conduct a fact-finding visit to Brussels to meet the European Parliament’s intergroup on LGBT rights;
- **Stalking** (*Rapporteur: Ms Gisela Wurm, Austria, SOC*): held an exchange of view on the basis of an outline for a report presented by the Rapporteur;
- **National developments**: heard a statement by Ms Gülsün Bilgehan (*Turkey, SOC*) on developments concerning the law on abortion in Turkey and approved a declaration on “Turkey: setbacks on women’s rights are not acceptable”; heard communications by its chairperson, Ms Gisela Wurm

(Austria, SOC), Ms Federica Mogherini-Rebesani (Italy, SOC) and Ms Ismeta Dervoz (Bosnia and Herzegovina, EPP/CD) on recent developments in their countries;

- **Appointment of rapporteurs:**

- *Tackling racism in law-enforcement institutions:* Mr David Davies (United Kingdom, EDG)
- *Counteraction to manifestations of neo-Nazism and xenophobia (for opinion):* Mr Boris Shpigel (Russian Federation, EDG)

and heard from them declarations of absence of conflict of interest;

- *Ending discrimination against Roma children:* Ms Nursuna Memecan (Turkey, ALDE), subject to hearing from her a declaration on the absence of conflicts of interest;

- **Representation of the committee:**

- appointed Ms Fatiha Saïdi (Belgium, SOC) to attend the 4th meeting on Violence against Women "Identical facts, multiple legal answers", organised by the German Agency for Co-operation (GIZ), the European Inter-University Centre for Human Rights and Democratisation (EIUC), the Centre for Arab Women Training and Research (CAWTAR) and the Association démocratique des femmes du Maroc, Casablanca, 4-6 June 2012 (*at no cost for the Assembly*);

- appointed Mr José Mendes Bota (Portugal, EPP/CD) to participate in the Roundtable discussion on "Gender Quota" organised by the UNDP, in partnership with the Gender Equality Council and the Central Electoral Commission of Georgia in Tbilisi, from 2-3 July 2012 (*at no cost for the Assembly*);

- appointed Ms Carmen Quintanilla Barba (Spain, EPP/CD) to attend the Conference "The gender approach in the development of Women in the Mediterranean", organised by the Association "Voix de femmes", Women's Tribune and the European Centre for Global Interdependence and Solidarity (North-South Centre of the Council of Europe), Tetouan (Morocco), 7 July 2012;

- appointed its chairperson (Sweden, ALDE) to attend the Second regional Seminar on the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence, organised by the Council of Europe, Interagency Council for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and The United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women), Batumi, Georgia, from 9-10 July 2012;

- **Next meetings:**

- Strasbourg, during the 2012 3rd part-session of the Assembly (25-29 June);
- Tirana, 13 September 2012;
- Tirana, 14 September 2012 (meeting of the Parliamentary Network women free from violence);
- Strasbourg, during the 2012 4th part-session of the Assembly (1-5 October);
- Paris, 3 December 2012;
- Strasbourg, during the 2013 1st part-session of the Assembly (21-25 January).

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