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

### Synopsis

### of the meeting of the Ad hoc Sub-committee to take part in the Conference on The Political and Socio-economic Empowerment of Women – based on Women's stories

The Ad hoc Sub-committee to participate in the Conference on The Political and Socio-economic Empowerment of Women – based on Women's stories, meeting in Istanbul on 5 and 6 November 2012, as regards:

- ***election of the Chairperson:*** elected Ms Fatiha Saïdi (Belgium, SOC), by acclamation;
- ***Conference:*** participated in the Conference during which:
  - it heard addresses from:
    - Ms Nursuna Memecan, Chair of the Turkish Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe,
    - Ms Deborah Bergamini (Italy), Chair of the Executive Committee of the North- South Centre,
    - Ms Filloreta Kodra (Albania), Deputy Minister of Labour of Albania,
    - Ms Meral Akşener (Turkey), Deputy Speaker of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey,
    - Ms Fatma Şahin (Turkey), Minister of Family and Social Policy,
    - Mr Denis Huber, outgoing Executive Director of the North South Centre of the Council of Europe,
    - Ms Karima Benyaich, Ambassador of Morocco to Portugal and President of the Association "Voix de Femmes",
    - Ms Aşkın Asan (Turkey), Deputy Minister of Family and Social Policy,
    - Ms Dubravka Suica (Croatia), Vice-President of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities,
    - Ms Najat Alastal (National Palestinian Authority), Member of the Delegation of the Palestinian National Council to PACE, Palestinian Legislative Council,
    - Mr Franco Frattini (Italy), Italian MP and President of the EPP Working Group on Foreign Policy,
    - Mr. Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu (Turkey), Member of Parliament and of the Turkish delegation to PACE;

- and gave an active contribution with presentations from:
  - Ms Sahiba Gafarova (Azerbaijan, EDG)
  - Mr José Mendes Bota (Portugal, EPP/CD)
  - Ms Federica Mogherini Rebesani (Italy, SOC)
  - Ms Fatiha Saïdi (Belgium, SOC)
- **follow-up:** asked its Chairperson to report back to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination on the Conference as well as on the possible follow-up to be given, at one of its next meeting.

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