

**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 Strasbourg on 3 and 4 April 2003 with Mrs Err (Luxembourg, SOC) in the Chair:

As regards:

- *Migration connected with trafficking in women and prostitution* (Rapporteur: Ms Zwerver, Netherlands, SOC): adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation;
- *EU Convention for the future of Europe*: heard a statement by the chairperson on the meeting of *the Network of Parliamentary Committees for Equal Opportunities for Women and Men in the European Union (NCEO)* held on 31 March 2003 in Athens and held an exchange of views;
- *Seminar on the participation of young women in political life*, (Strasbourg, 16-17 September 2003) : heard a presentation by the organisers of the seminar and decided to set up an *ad hoc* committee composed by Mrs Aguiar (Portugal, EPP), Mrs Cliveti (Romania, SOC), Mrs Čurdová (Czech Republic, SOC), Mrs López González (Spain, SOC), Mr Mooney (Ireland, LDR) and Mrs Zapfl-Helbling (Switzerland, EPP);
- *Meeting of the Committee in Bucharest (26-27 May 2003)*: held an exchange of views on the preliminary draft programme;
- *Appointment of rapporteurs*:
 - o Mr Gaburro (Italy, EPP), new rapporteur on *status of assisting spouses in family business*;
 - o Mrs Zapfl-Helbling (Switzerland, EPP) on *the involvement of men and young men in reproductive health*;
 - o Mrs Aguiar (Portugal, EPP) on *Equal opportunities and nationality rights*;

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- *Impact of the reinstatement of the Mexico City Policy by President Bush of the United States of America* (Rapporteur: Mrz Zwerver, Netherlands, SOC): heard a statement by the rapporteur on her fact-finding mission to Armenia (24-27 March 2003);
- *So-called honour crimes* (Rapporteur: Ms Cryer, United Kingdom, SOC): considered and took position on the amendments ;
- *Women and micro-loans* (Rapporteur: Ms Pericleous Papadopoulos, Cyprus, LDR) : took note that no amendments were tabled;
- *Next meetings*: decided to meet in:
 - Paris (Council of Europe Office), Thursday 24 April 2003 at 9.30 am
 - Bucharest, 26-27 May 2003;
 - Strasbourg, during the 2003 3rd part-session (23-27 June)
 - Paris, (Council of Europe Office), Monday 8 September 2003 ;
 - Strasbourg, during the 2003 4th part-session (Thursday, 25 September – Thursday, 2 October)

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