

**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 25, 26 and 28 2007 with Ms Bilgehan (Turkey, SOC) and Ms Curdová (Czech Republic, SOC) in the Chair:

as regards:

- *The image of women in advertising* (Rapporteur: Mrs Bilgehan, Turkey, SOC): examined amendments proposed by the Rapporteur for tabling on behalf of the Committee, and took position on the amendments tabled to the draft resolution and the draft recommendation;
- *The feminisation of poverty* (Rapporteur: Ms Naghdalyan, Armenia, ALDE): took position on the amendments tabled to the draft resolution and the draft recommendation;
- *National selection procedures for candidates for the European Court of Human Rights*: instructed the Chairperson to ask the Bureau to propose to the Assembly that the Committee be seized for opinion on the issue;
- *Blasphemy, religious insults and hate speech against persons on grounds of their religion* (Rapporteur for opinion: Mr Dupraz, Switzerland, ALDE): adopted the Committee's opinion, including five amendments;
- *In favour of a Parliamentary Assembly "Equality Prize"* (Rapporteur: Mr Branger, France, EPP/CD): considered a revised introductory memorandum and decided to change the title of the report to: *in favour of a Parliamentary Assembly "gender Equality Prize"*;
- *Prostitution – which stance to take?* (Rapporteur: Mr Platvoet, Netherlands, UEL): considered a draft report, amended and unanimously adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation with a view to presenting the report for debate at the Assembly October 2007 part-session;
- *"Parliaments united in combating domestic violence against women": mid-term assessment* (Rapporteur: Mr Mendes Bota, Portugal, EPP/CD):
 - held an exchange of views on the follow-up to the decisions taken on 4 June 2007 at the second co-ordination meeting of the contact parliamentarians involved in the parliamentary dimension of the Council of Europe campaign to combat violence against women, including domestic violence (2006-2008);

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- considered an introductory memorandum and asked the Rapporteur to present a draft report for adoption to the Committee at its next meeting with a view to tabling the report for debate during the October 2007 part-session of the Assembly;
 - was informed that the Rapporteur intended to write a letter to all Committee members asking them for contributions by 31 July 2007;
- *Appointment of rapporteurs*: appointed:
- Ms Wurm (Austria, SOC), for opinion on *European Muslim communities confronted with extremism*;
 - Ms Err (Luxembourg, SOC), for information on *the gender pay gap*
- *Appointment of representatives to meetings organised by other bodies*: appointed:
- ✓ Mr Austin (United Kingdom, SOC) to attend the *Conference on "Human trafficking: how best to stem the flow?"* organised by Wilton Park in co-operation with the Foreign & Commonwealth Office, Sussex (United Kingdom), 28-30 June 2007;
 - ✓ Mr Mendes Bota (Portugal, EPP/CD) to attend the *Seminar on Data collection as a prerequisite for effective policies to combat violence against women, including domestic violence* organised by the Council of Europe's Gender Equality and Anti-Trafficking Division of the Directorate General of Human Rights and Legal Affairs in co-operation with the Commission on Equality and Women's Rights of Portugal, Lisbon, 5 July 2007;
 - ✓ Ms Vermot-Mangold (Switzerland, SOC) to attend the *Regional Seminar on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings: measures to prevent, protect and prosecute* organised by the Gender Equality and Anti-Trafficking Division of the Directorate General of Human Rights and Legal Affairs of the Council of Europe in co-operation with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Armenia, Yerevan, 5-6 September 2007;
 - ✓ Ms Vermot-Mangold (Switzerland, SOC) to attend the *Regional Seminar on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings: measures to protect and promote the rights of victims* organised by the Gender Equality and Anti-Trafficking Division of the Directorate General of Human Rights and Legal Affairs of the Council of Europe in co-operation with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of the Interior of Serbia, as well as the Council of Europe Office in Belgrade, Belgrade, 18-19 October 2007;
 - ✓ Mr Platvoet (Netherlands, UEL) to attend the *Conference on "Social Inclusion and Health: crossing the borders"*, organised by the NGO "Correlation", Sofia, 27-29 September 2007;
- *Its Sub-committees*: appointed the following new members:
- *Sub-Committee on equal participation of women and men in decision-making*
 Czech Republic: titular member: Ms GAJDUŠKOVÁ, alternate: Ms CURDOVÁ
 Finland : titular member : Ms KIURU
 - *Sub-Committee on violence against women*
 Czech Republic: titular member: Ms CURDOVÁ
 Finland: titular member: Ms ASKO-SELJAVAARA
 - *Sub-Committee on trafficking in human beings*
 Czech Republic: titular member: Ms GAJDUŠKOVÁ
 Finland titular member: Ms KIURU

- *Its next meetings* : decided to meet in:

- **Paris** (Council of Europe Office),
Thursday, 6 September 2007 – *Sub-Committee on Violence against Women: Hearing on “Femicides”*,
Friday 7 September 2007, 9 am -10 am: *Sub-Committee on trafficking in human beings*
Friday 7 September 2007, 10 am - 5 pm: Plenary Committee;
- **Strasbourg**, during the 2007 4th part-session of the Assembly (1-5 October): Plenary Committee;
- **Brussels**, October/November 2007 (date to be determined): *Sub-Committee on trafficking in human beings* - Joint meeting with the FEMM Committee of the European Parliament;
- **Riga (Latvia)**, Friday, 9 November 2007: *Sub-Committee on equal participation of women and men in decision-making* (to be confirmed, subject to authorisation by the Bureau);
- **Turkey**, late autumn: Plenary Committee (date to be determined)
- **Paris** (Council of Europe Office), Friday 7 December 2007: Plenary Committee (to be confirmed).

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