

# Parliamentary Assembly Assemblée parlementaire



## 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 1 and 4 October 2007 with Ms Curdová (Czech Republic, SOC), Vice-Chairperson, in the Chair:

as regards:

- *Assessment of transit and processing centres as a response to mixed flows of migrants and asylum seekers* (Rapporteur for opinion: Mr Branger, France, EPP/CD) : approved the Committee's opinion presented by Ms Bilgehan, Chairperson, on behalf of the Rapporteur ;

then, with Ms Bilgehan (Turkey, SOC) in the Chair:

as regards:

- *Resolution 1554 (2007) on the conflict of interest*: heard a communication by its Chairperson on the new rules on transparency and members' declaration of interests;

- *Gender equality principles in the Parliamentary Assembly* (Rapporteur for opinion: Ms Err, Luxembourg, SOC) : approved the Committee's opinion, including 12 amendments, and entrusted the Chairperson to request to the Bureau that Ms Mendonça's report be submitted to the January 2008 part-Session ;

- *Prostitution – which stance to take?* (Rapporteur: Mr Platvoet, Netherlands, UEL): took note that no amendment had been tabled to the draft resolution and the draft recommendation and held an exchange of views on the report ;

- *"Parliaments united in combating domestic violence against women": mid-term assessment of the campaign* (Rapporteur: Mr Mendes Bota, Portugal, EPP/CD): took note that no amendment had been tabled to the draft resolution and the draft recommendation;

- *In favour of a Parliamentary Assembly "Gender Equality Prize"* (Rapporteur: Mr Branger, France, EPP/CD): considered a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution with a view to presenting the report for debate at the meeting of the Standing Committee in Bratislava on 23 November 2007;

- *Sub-committee on trafficking in human beings* (Chairperson: Ms Vermot-Mangold, Switzerland, SOC): held an exchange of views on the preparation of the joint meeting with the FEMM Committee of the European Parliament, which will be held on 20 November 2007 in Brussels, and approved the proposals submitted by Ms Vermot-Mangold ;

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- *Sub-Committee on equal participation of women and men in decision-making* (Chairperson: Ms Circene, Latvia, EPP/CD): held an exchange of views on the preparation of the meeting, which will be held on 9 November 2007 in Riga, and approved the preliminary draft programme;
- *Appointment of rapporteurs*: appointed:
  - ✓ Ms Papadopoulos (Cyprus, ALDE) on *Abduction and illegal confinement of women and girls motivated by practices contrary to human rights* ;
  - ✓ Mr Austin (United Kingdom, SOC) on *The urgent need for action on so-called "honour crimes"* ;
  - ✓ Ms Rupprecht (Germany, SOC) on *"Marital rape"* ;
  - ✓ Ms Err (Luxembourg, SOC), for opinion, on *National Selection Procedures for Candidates for the European Court of Human Rights*;
- *Appointment of representatives to meetings organised by other bodies*: appointed:
  - ✓ Ms Bilgehan (Turkey, SOC) and Mr Mendes Bota (Portugal, EPP/CD) to take part in the Regional Parliamentary Seminar of the Group E in the framework of the Campaign *"Parliaments united in combating domestic violence against women"* organised by the Austrian Parliament with the support of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, Vienna, 16 October 2007;
  - ✓ Ms Bilgehan (Turkey, SOC) and Mr Mendes Bota (Portugal, EPP/CD) to take part in the Regional Parliamentary Seminar of the Group D in the framework of the Campaign *"Parliaments united in combating domestic violence against women"* organised by the Bulgarian Parliament with the support of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, Sofia, 29 November 2007;
  - ✓ Mr Austin (United Kingdom, SOC) to take part to the *High-level Conference on The Monitoring Mechanism of the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human beings (GRETA)*, Strasbourg (Council of Europe), 8-9 November 2007 and, if he is not available, left it to the Chairperson to appoint a representative;
  - ✓ Conference on *Support Services for Women Victims of Violence* organised by the Council of Europe's Gender Equality and Anti-Trafficking Division of the Directorate General of Human Rights and Legal Affairs, Strasbourg, 6-7 December 2007: left it to the Chairperson to appoint a representative;
- *Statement by representatives to meetings organised by other bodies*: heard statements by :
  - ✓ Mr Mendes Bota (Portugal, EPP/CD) on 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 Bilgehan (Turkey, SOC) on the *Regional Seminar on Protection and specialised support by the police, health care professionals and social workers for victims of 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 Ministry of Labour and Social Policy of "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia", Skopje, 11-12 September 2007;
  - ✓ Ms Curdová (Czech Republic, SOC) on the regional seminar on *Parliaments and the budgetary process, including from a gender perspective* organised by the Interparliamentary Union in Geneva (Switzerland), 19-21 September 2007;
  - ✓ Mr Platvoet (Netherlands, UEL) on the Conference on *"Social Inclusion and Health: crossing the borders"*, organised by the NGO "Correlation", Sofia, 27-29 September 2007;

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

- **Riga (Latvia)**, Friday, 9 November 2007: *Sub-Committee on equal participation of women and men in decision-making*;
- **Brussels**, Tuesday, 20 November 2007 (from 3 pm to 5.30 pm): *Sub-Committee on trafficking in human beings* - Joint meeting with the FEMM Committee of the European Parliament;
- **Istanbul**, Thursday, 6 December 2007 and Friday, 7 December 2007 (Plenary Committee + hearing on domestic violence) ;
- **Strasbourg**, during the 2008 1<sup>st</sup> part-session of the Assembly (21-25 January) ;
- **Paris** (Council of Europe Office), Monday, 10 March 2008 (Plenary Committee) and Tuesday, 11 March 2008 (hearing on a subject to be determined) – to be confirmed ;
- **Strasbourg**, during the 2008 2<sup>nd</sup> part-session of the Assembly (14-18 April);
- **Vienna**, Monday, 28 April 2008: Plenary Committee and Tuesday, 29 April 2008: Third 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 (subject to authorisation by the Bureau).

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