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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 22 January 2008, with first Mr Branger (France, EPP/CD), senior member present, and then Mr Sigfússon (Iceland, UEL) in the Chair:

as regards:

- *Composition of the Committee's bureau:* elected by acclamation:

- Mr Sigfússon (Iceland, UEL) Chairperson;
- Mr Mendes Bota (Portugal, EPP/CD), first Vice-Chairperson;
- Ms Circene (Latvia, EPP/CD), second Vice-Chairperson;
- Ms Čurdová (Czech Republic, SOC), third Vice-Chairperson;

- *Access to safe and legal abortion in Europe* (Rapporteur: Ms Wurm, Austria, SOC): considered an introductory memorandum;

- *Abduction and illegal confinement of women and girls in the name of practices contrary to human rights* (Rapporteur: Ms Papadopoulou, Cyprus, ALDE): considered a preliminary draft programme of the exchange of views which will be held in Paris on 11 March 2008;

- *The reconstitution of its sub-committees:*

i. decided to reconstitute its sub-committee on *violence against women* as follows:

Ms ASKO-SELJAVAARA	Finland	
M. BRANGER	France	
Ms CLIVETI	Romania	Ms GĂLETEANU
Ms ČURDOVÁ	Czech Republic	
Ms FAUTRIER	Monaco	Mr GARDETTO
Ms FERNÁNDEZ SORIANO	Spain	Ms VELASCO
Ms GIANNAKA	Greece	Ms ZISSI
Ms HÄGG	Sweden	Mr OLSSON
Ms JONKER	Netherlands	Ms STRIK
Ms McCAFFERTY	United Kingdom	
Ms MEMECAN	Turkey	
Ms MIKUTIENE	Lithuania	
Ms NYKIEL	Poland	Mr WIKINSKI
Ms PAPAPOULOS	Cyprus	Mr SARIKAS
Ms POTRATA	Slovenia	

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Ms	STANTCHEVA	Bulgaria	Ms IVANOVA
Ms	STUMP	Switzerland	
Ms	WOLDSETH	Norway	
Ms	WURM	Austria	Ms MUTTONEN

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- ii. decided to reconstitute its sub-committee on *equal participation of women and men in decision-making* as follows:

Ms	ATANASOVA	Bulgaria	
Mr	BOCCHINO	Italy	
Ms	CIRCENE	Latvia	
Ms	ERR	Luxembourg	Mr GOERENS
Mr	FERNÁNDEZ AGUILAR	Spain	Ms FERNÁNDEZ SORIANO
Ms	FERTUZINHOS	Portugal	
Ms	GAJDŮŠKOVÁ	Czech Republic	
Ms	GENNER	Switzerland	
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Ms	PAPADOPOULOS	Cyprus	Mr SARIKAS
Ms	POTRATA	Slovenia	
Ms	SÁNDOR	Hungary	
Ms	SMET	Belgium	Mr LEYMAN
Mr	WIKINSKI	Poland	Mr STULIGROSZ
Ms	ZISSI	Greece	Ms BENAKI

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- iii. decided to reconstitute its sub-committee on *trafficking in human beings* as follows:

Mr	AUSTIN	United Kingdom	Mrs WILLIAMS
Mr	AYVA	Turkey	
Ms	BONDARENKO	Ukraine	
M.	BRANGER	France	
Mr	COSIDÓ GUTIERREZ	Spain	Mr FERNÁNDEZ AGUILAR
Mr	COSTELLO	Ireland	Mr LEYDEN
Ms	ERR	Luxembourg	
Ms	GAJDŮŠKOVÁ	Czech Republic	
Mr	GIANNELLIS-THEODOSIADIS	Greece	Ms BENAKI
Ms	GRAF	Germany	Mr WINKELMEIER
Ms	ILYAZ	Bulgaria	Ms STANTCHEVA
Ms	KIURU	Finland	
Mr	MENDES BOTA	Portugal	
Ms	MITREVA	the "former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"	
Mr	OLSSON	Sweden	Ms HÄGG
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Ms	STRIK	Netherlands	
Mr	STULIGROSZ	Poland	
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resuming its meeting on 24 January 2008, with Mr Sigfússon (Iceland, UEL) in the Chair:

as regards:

- *Council of Europe Campaign "Stop domestic violence against women":*
 - ✓ heard a statement by the Chairperson on the follow-up to Resolution 1582 (2007) on "Parliaments united in combating domestic violence against women": mid-term assessment of the campaign and the latest parliamentary activities carried out in the framework of the Campaign;
 - ✓ proposed to invite Thomas Hammarberg, Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe, to hold an exchange of views on a possible international or European treaty for the protection of women against violence;
 - ✓ held an exchange of views on the preparation of the closing conference of the parliamentary dimension of the Council of Europe Campaign.
- *Follow-up to Resolution 1593 (2007): In favour of a Parliamentary Assembly "Gender Equality Prize":* heard a statement by Mr Branger (France, EPP/CD), former Rapporteur, and approved the agenda of the follow-up to the resolution;
- *Appointment of rapporteurs:* appointed
 - ✓ Mr Branger (France, EPP/CD) on *the role of parliamentarians in promoting the rapid entry into force of the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings and its ratification by as many states as possible*;
 - ✓ Mr Sigfússon (Iceland, UEL) on *involving men to achieve gender equality*;
 - ✓ Ms Memecan (Turkey, ALDE), for opinion, on *discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity*;
- *Appointment of representatives to meetings organised by other bodies:* appointed:
 - ✓ Ms Stantcheva (Bulgaria, SOC) to take part in the Parliamentary Forum on the occasion of the Vienna Forum to fight human trafficking organised by the Inter-Parliamentary Union, in cooperation with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and the Austrian Parliament, Vienna, 12 February 2008 and in the Vienna Forum to fight human trafficking organised under the United Nations Global Initiative to Fight Human Trafficking (UN.GIFT), Vienna, 13-15 February 2008;
 - ✓ Ms Hägg (Sweden, SOC) and Ms McCafferty (United Kingdom, SOC - *at no cost to the Assembly*) to take part in the Event on *"the role of parliaments in financing for gender equality"* organised by the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the United Nations Division for the Advancement of Women on the occasion of the 52nd Session of the Commission on the Status of Women, New-York, 27 February 2008, subject to the authorisation of the Bureau;
 - ✓ Mr Olsson (Sweden, EPP/CD) and Ms Memecan (Turkey, ALDE) to take part in the debate of the Madariaga European Foundation of the College of Europe focusing on "Men Get Involved to combat Domestic Violence", Brussels, 4 March 2008;
- *Reply by the Committee of Ministers:* took note of the reply by the Committee of Ministers on the situation of women in the South Caucasus;
- *Celebration of the 10th anniversary of the Committee:* held an exchange of views and invited the Chairperson to propose to the Bureau to mark this celebration during the June 2008 part-Session.

- *its next meetings*: decided to meet in:
 - **Paris** (Council of Europe Office), Tuesday, 11 March 2008;
 - **Strasbourg**, during the 2008 2nd part-session of the Assembly (14-18 April);
 - **Vienna**, Tuesday, 29 April 2008: Plenary Committee and Wednesday, 30 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.

The Sub-Committee on trafficking in human beings, meeting in Strasbourg on 23 January 2008 with first Mr Branger (France, EPP/CD), senior member present, and then Mr Olsson (Sweden, EPP/CD) in the Chair:

as regards:

- *Election of the Sub-Committee's Bureau*: elected Mr Olsson (Sweden, EPP/CD) Chairperson by acclamation and Mr Austin (United Kingdom, SOC) Vice-Chairperson by acclamation;
- *its work programme*: held an exchange of views on it;
- *its next meeting*: left it to the Chairperson of the Committee to decide on the date and place of the next meeting.

The Sub-Committee on violence against women meeting in Strasbourg on 23 January 2008 with first Mr Branger (France, EPP/CD), senior member present, and then Ms Hägg (Sweden, SOC), in the Chair:

as regards:

- *Election of the Sub-Committee's Bureau*: elected Ms Hägg (Sweden, SOC) Chairperson by acclamation and Ms Fautrier (Monaco, EPP/CD) Vice-Chairperson by acclamation;
- *its work programme*: held an exchange of views on it;
- *its next meeting*: left it to the Chairperson of the Committee to decide on the date and place of the next meeting.

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