



## 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 30 September 2009, with Ms Frahm (Denmark, UEL), Chairperson, in the Chair:

As regards:

- *Sub-Committee on Trafficking in Human Beings* (Rapporteur: Ms Wurm, Austria, SOC): heard a statement on the meeting held *in camera* in Strasbourg, on 28 September 2009, approved proposals for action on trafficking in human beings submitted by the Rapporteur, instructed the Chairperson to contact the Chairperson of the European Parliament Committee on Women's Rights and Equality (FEMM) on this and other issues of common interest, and proposed that Ms Wurm's report be put on the agenda of the January 2010 part-session;
- *Parliamentary Assembly "Gender equality prize"*: held an exchange of views with the representatives of the three prizewinners:
  - ✓ The Socialist Party of Portugal: Mr José Vera Jardim, Chairperson of the Portuguese delegation to the Assembly
  - ✓ The Labour Party of the United Kingdom: Baroness Gale, Vice Chair of the Parliamentary Labour Party Women's Committee and Member of the Parliamentary Assembly
  - ✓ The Swedish Left Party (Vänsterpartiet): Ms Marianne Eriksson, Member of the Party Committee

**Resuming its meeting on 1 October 2009** with Ms Čurdová (Czech Republic, SOC), Vice-Chairperson, in the Chair:

As regards:

- *Rape of women, including marital rape* (Rapporteur: Ms Rupprecht, Germany, SOC): took position on the amendments tabled;
- *Migrant women: at particular risk of domestic violence* (Rapporteur: Ms Woldseth, Norway, EDG): took position on the amendments tabled by the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population, in view of the debate of the report scheduled for the Standing Committee in Bern on 20 November 2009;

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- *Implementation of Recommendation 1847 (2008) and Resolution 1635 (2008) on Combating violence against women: towards a Council of Europe convention:* was informed of the state of preparation of the regional conference organised jointly by the PACE and the Interparliamentary Union on "migration and violence against women" (Paris, 10-11 December 2009);
- *Appointment of rapporteurs:* appointed the following rapporteur for opinion:
  - ✓ Ms Kovács (Serbia, EPP/CD) on *The situation of Roma in Europe and relevant activities of the Council of Europe*
- *Appointment of representatives to meetings organised by other bodies:*
  - ✓ Ms Sándor (Hungary, ALDE) to take part in the Expert seminar on "Addressing Gender-Based Violence in Youth Work", organised by the European Youth Centre, in Budapest, 2-3 October 2009, at no cost for the Assembly;
  - ✓ Ms Stump (Switzerland, SOC) to take part in the IPU (Inter-parliamentary Union) and OHCHR (Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights) seminar on "*Parliaments and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women*", in Geneva, 22 October 2009, at no cost for the Assembly;
  - ✓ Mr Mendes Bota (Portugal, EPP/CD) – and in case of him being unable to attend, Ms Lydie Err (Luxembourg, SOC) – to take part in the NCEO (Network of Parliamentary Committees for Equal Opportunities for Women and Men in the European Union) Conference on gender equality organised by the Swedish Parliament in the framework of the Swedish EU Presidency, Stockholm, 12-13 November 2009;
  - ✓ left it to the Chairperson to appoint the Committee's representative to the next meeting of the Steering Committee for Equality between Women and Men (CDEG) upon receipt of the official invitation, Strasbourg, 25-27 November 2009;
- *Replies from the Committee of Ministers:* took note of the reply of the Committee of Ministers to the Recommendation on "Involving men in achieving gender equality";
- *Any other business*
  - ✓ Changes in the membership of the Sub-committees: added Ms Wurm (Austria, SOC) as a member of the Sub-Committee on Trafficking in Human Beings;
  - ✓ Co-operation with the Steering Committee for Equality between Women and Men (CDEG): took note of the reply of the Chairperson of the CDEG;
  - ✓ Visit of the exhibition "Elles@centrepompidou / women artists in the collections of the National Modern Art Museum" proposed by Ms Stump (Switzerland, SOC), Rapporteur on "Combating sexist stereotypes in the media" (Paris, Sunday 29 November 2009, at 6 pm): invited members to send back their registration forms;
  - ✓ Scheduling of debates: instructed the Chairperson to ask the Bureau not to systematically schedule debates on reports tabled by the Committee on Friday mornings;
  - ✓ Report on "Decent pensions for women" (Rapporteur: Ms Čurdová, Czech Republic, SOC): authorised the rapporteur to contact, if need be, a new expert.
- *Date and place of the next meetings of the Committee:*

*Plenary Committee:*

  - **Paris** (Council of Europe office), Monday, 30 November 2009;
  - **Strasbourg**, during the 2010 1<sup>st</sup> part-session of the Assembly (25-29 January);
  - **Paris** (Council of Europe office), Friday, 26 March 2010.

**The Sub-Committee on trafficking in human beings**, meeting *in camera* in Strasbourg on 28 September 2009, with Ms Frahm (Denmark, GUE), Chairperson of the Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men, in the Chair:

- held an exchange of views on the proposal for a Council of the European Union Framework Decision on preventing and combating trafficking in human beings, and protecting victims, with the participation of:

✓ Mr Zurab Tchiaberashvili, Chairperson of the Committee of the Parties of the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings;

✓ Ms Hanne Sophie Greve, President of the Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (GRETA);

✓ Ms Gisela Wurm (Austria, SOC), rapporteur on “Action against trafficking: parliamentarians’ involvement in promoting the widest possible ratification of the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings”;

- left it to the Chairperson to convene the next meeting.

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