



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 January 2010, with first Ms Ferić-Vac (Croatia, SOC), senior member present, and then Mr Mendes Bota (Portugal, EPP/CD) in the Chair:

As regards:

- *Composition of the Committee's bureau*: elected by acclamation:
 - Mr Mendes Bota (Portugal, EPP/CD) Chairperson;
 - Ms Gautier (France, EPP/CD), first Vice-Chairperson;
 - Ms Ferić-Vac (Croatia, SOC), second Vice-Chairperson;
 - Ms Stump (Switzerland, SOC), third Vice-Chairperson;
- *The wage gap between women and men* (Rapporteur: Mr Wille, Belgium, ALDE): considered a draft report, amended and unanimously adopted the draft resolution and the draft recommendation, with a view to presenting the report to the Assembly at the Standing Committee meeting in Paris on 12 March 2010;
- *Children who witness domestic violence* (Rapporteur for opinion: Ms Rupprecht, Germany, SOC): adopted its opinion including 12 amendments to the draft texts to be adopted;

Resuming its meeting on 26 January 2010, with Mr Mendes Bota (Portugal, EPP/CD) in the Chair:

as regards:

- *Action against trafficking in human beings: promoting the Council of Europe Convention* (Rapporteur: Ms Wurm, Austria, SOC): took position on the amendments tabled, and heard a statement by:
 - Mr Nikolay Mikhaylovich Rantsev, applicant in the case *Rantsev v. Cyprus and Russia* (judgment of 7 January 2010) of the European Court of Human Rights
 - Ms Liudmila Churkina, the lawyer of the applicant

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Resuming its meeting on 27 January 2010 with first Ms Gisèle Gautier (France, EPP/CD), First Vice-Chairperson, and then Mr Mendes Bota (Portugal, EPP/CD), Chairperson, in the Chair:

- *Implementation of Recommendation 1847 (2008) and Resolution 1635 (2008) on Combating violence against women: towards a Council of Europe convention:*
 - ✓ heard a statement by Mr Mendes Bota (Portugal, EPP/CD) on the 3rd meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (CAHVIO) (Strasbourg, 1-3 December);
 - ✓ prepared the next meeting of the CAHVIO (Strasbourg, 22-24 February 2010), took position on the current state of negotiation of the Convention, and amended, approved and declassified the proposals contained in the documents AS/EGA (2010) 5 and AS/EGA (2010) 8 to this end;
 - ✓ appointed Mr Mendes Bota (Portugal, EPP/CD) its representative to the next meeting of the CAHVIO (Strasbourg, 22-24 February 2010);
- *Increasing women's representation in politics through the electoral system* (Rapporteur: Ms Err, Luxembourg, SOC): was informed that no amendments had been tabled;
- *The wage gap between women and men* (Rapporteur: Mr Wille, Belgium, ALDE): took position on the amendments tabled by the Committee on Economic Affairs and Development;
- *Associating women in the prevention and solution of unsolved conflicts in the Council of Europe area* (Rapporteur: Ms Kiuru, Finland, SOC): approved the change of the title as follows: "Associating women in the prevention and the solution of unsolved conflicts in Europe", considered a draft report, amended and unanimously adopted the draft resolution and the draft recommendation, with a view to presenting the report to the Assembly at the April part-session 2010, and asked the Chairperson to remind the Bureau of its wish to invite Mr Ahtisaari as a guest speaker in the debate;
- *Appointment of rapporteurs:* appointed the following rapporteur for opinion:
 - ✓ Ms Err (Luxembourg, SOC) on *The Declaration of Principles on Equality and activities of the Council of Europe*
- *Appointment of representatives to meetings organised by other bodies:*
 - ✓ Ms Wurm (Austria, SOC), to take part in "Human Trafficking", Regional Seminar for the 12+ Group (Inter-Parliamentary Union, IPU), 22-23 February 2010, London (United-Kingdom)
 - ✓ Mr Mendes Bota (Portugal, EPP/CD), to take part in the IPU conference on the occasion of the meeting of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW): "The Role of Parliaments in Enforcing Women's Rights, 15 Years after Beijing", 2 March 2010, New-York (subject to authorisation by the Bureau)
 - ✓ Ms Quintanilla Barba (Spain, EPP/CD), to take part in the International Women's Day conference, European Parliament, 16 March 2010, Brussels
- *Requests to be seized for report:* requested to be seized for report on the following report:
 - ✓ "Fighting the global backlash against women's human rights"

- *Reconstitution of its Sub-Committees:* decided to reconstitute its sub-committees as follows:

• ***Sub-Committee on equal participation of women and men in decision-making :***

Ms	ABLINGER	Austria		
Mr	AGIUS	Malta		
Ms	BLANCO TERÁN	Spain	Ms	QUINTANILLA BARBA
Ms	BONDARENKO	Ukraine		
Ms	CIRCENE	Latvia		
Mr	CWIERZ	Poland		
		Luxembourg	Ms	ERR
Ms	GAJDŮŠKOVÁ	Czech Republic		
Ms	GAUTIER	France		
Ms	HÄGG	Sweden		
Ms	JOHN-CALAME	Switzerland		
Ms	KEFALIDOU	Greece	Mr	PAPADIMOULIS
Ms	KELEŞ	Turkey		
Ms	KIURU	Finland		
Ms	KOVACS	Serbia		
Ms	KYRIAKIDOU	Cyprus	Mr	SARIKAS
Mr	LEYDEN	Ireland	Mr	COSTELLO
Ms	McCAFFERTY	United Kingdom	Baroness	GALE
Ms	MEMECAN	Turkey		
Ms	NAGHDALYAN	Armenia		
Ms	REPS	Estonia		
Ms	SOLIANI	Italy	Ms	BERGAMINI
Ms	STAVROSITU	Romania	Mr	ANGHEL
Ms	TINDEMANS	Belgium	Ms	BOULET
		Russian		
Ms	VOLOZHINSKAYA	Federation	Mr	ZHIDKIKH

ex officio : Mr MENDES BOTA

• ***Sub-Committee on violence against women:***

Ms	ASKO-SELJAVAARA	Finland		
Mr	AGIUS	Malta		
Ms	BLANCO TERÁN	Spain	Ms	SANÍN NARANJO
Ms	BOLDI	Italy	Ms	CARLONI
Ms	BONDARENKO	Ukraine		
Ms	ČURDOVÁ	Czech Republic		
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Ms	HÄGG	Sweden	Mr	OLSSON
Ms	KOVACS	Serbia		
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Ms	LAVAGNA	Monaco	Mr	GARDETTO
Ms	McCAFFERTY	United Kingdom	Mr	AUSTIN
Ms	MEMECAN	Turkey		
Ms	MIKUTIENĖ	Lithuania		
Ms	NAGHDALYAN	Armenia		
Ms	REPS	Estonia		
Ms	RIBA FONT	Andorre		
Ms	RUPPRECHT	Germany		
Ms	STAVROSITU	Romania	Mr	ANGHEL
Ms	STRIK	Netherlands	Ms	JONKER
Mr	STULIGROSZ	Poland		

Ms	STUMP	Switzerland	Ms	JOHN-CALAME
Ms	TINDEMANS	Belgium	Mr	ANNEMANS
Ms	WURM	Austria	Ms	MUTTONEN
Mr	ZHIDKIKH	Russian Federation	Ms	VOLOZHINSKAYA

ex officio : Mr MENDES BOTA

• **Sub-Committee on trafficking in human beings :**

Mr	AUSTIN	United Kingdom	Ms	WILLIAMS
Mr	AYVA	Turkey		
Ms	BUGNANO	Italy		
Ms	CIRCENE	Latvia		
Mr	COSTELLO	Ireland	Mr	LEYDEN
Ms	ERR	Luxembourg		
Ms	GAJDŮŠKOVÁ	Czech Republic		
Ms	GIANNAKA	Greece	Mr	PAPADIMOULIS
Mr	HAUPERT	Luxembourg		
Ms	HERASYM'YUK	Ukraine		
Ms	KIURU	Finland		
Mr	OLSSON	Sweden		
Ms	QUINTANILLA BARBA	Spain	Ms	QUESADA BRAVO
Ms	ROTH	Germany		
Ms	STRIK	Netherlands	Ms	JONKER
Mr	STULIGROSZ	Poland		
Ms	STUMP	Switzerland		
Mr	TUDOSE	Romania	Ms	MOLDOVAN
Mr	WILLE	Belgium	Mr	ANNEMANS
Ms	WURM	Austria	Ms	MUTTONEN

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- *Decent pensions for women* (Rapporteur: Ms Čurdová, Czech Republic, SOC): decided to invite 2 experts (Ms Jay Ginn and Dr Vít Samek) for the exchange of views to be held in Paris on 25 March 2010, in the framework of the preparation of the report ;

- *Date and place of the next meetings of the Committee:*

Plenary Committee :

- **Paris** (Council of Europe office), Thursday 25 March (9.30 am – 5 pm) and visit to the centre Pompidou (6 pm) and Friday, 26 March 2010 (committee meeting: 9 am – 11 am and hearing on “The real situation of rural women in Europe”: 11 am- 4 pm);
- **Strasbourg**, during the 2010 2nd part-session of the Assembly (26-30 April);
- **Paris** (Council of Europe office), Friday 21 May 2010 (to be confirmed);
- **Strasbourg**, during the 2010 3rd part-session of the Assembly (21-25 June);
- **Paris** (Council of Europe office), Friday, 10 September 2010 (to be confirmed);
- **Strasbourg**, during the 2010 4th part-session of the Assembly (4-8 October).

Sub-committee:

Sub-Committee on trafficking in human beings:

- **Paris** (Council of Europe office), Thursday 25 March (9.00 am – 9.30 am)

The Sub-Committee on equal participation of women and men in decision-making meeting in Strasbourg on 28 January 2010 with first Ms Gajdůšková (Czech republic, SOC), senior member present, and then Ms Circene (Latvia, EPP/CD), in the Chair:

as regards:

- *Election of the Sub-Committee's Bureau:* elected Ms Circene (Latvia, EPP/CD) Chairperson by acclamation, and Ms Hägg (Sweden, SOC), Vice-Chairperson, by acclamation;
- *"2009 Gender Equality Prize" of the Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly:* held an exchange of views;
- *its next meeting:* left it to the Chairperson to decide on the date and place of the next meeting.

The Sub-Committee on violence against women meeting in Strasbourg on 28 January 2010 with Mr Austin (United Kingdom, SOC), senior member present, in the Chair:

as regards:

- *Election of the Sub-Committee's Bureau:* elected Ms Wurm (Austria, SOC) Chairperson by acclamation, *in absentia*, and postponed the election of the Vice-Chairperson;
- *Other business:* held an exchange of views with the Director of Normative Affairs of the Council of Europe on the progress of the work done by the CAHVIO;
- *its next meeting:* left it to the Chairperson to decide on the date and place of the next meeting.

The Sub-Committee on trafficking in human beings meeting in Strasbourg on 28 January 2010 with first Mr Austin (United Kingdom, SOC), senior member present, and then Ms Quintanilla Barba (Spain, EPP/CD), in the Chair:

as regards:

- *Election of the Sub-Committee's Bureau:* elected Ms Quintanilla Barba (Spain, EPP/CD) Vice-Chairperson by acclamation, and postponed the election of the Chairperson;
- *its next meeting:* left it to the Vice-Chairperson to decide on the date and place of the next meeting.

Tanja Kleinsorge, Sylvie Affholder, Jannick Devaux