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## Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men

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**The Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men**, meeting in Strasbourg from 20 to 23 June 2011, with first Ms Gautier (France, EPP/CD) and then Mr Mendes Bota (Portugal, EPP/CD) in the Chair,

*as regards:*

- **Request for Partner for Democracy status with the Parliamentary Assembly submitted by the Parliament of Morocco** (Rapporteur for opinion: Ms Memecan, Turkey, ALDE): considered and approved a draft opinion to the report tabled by the Political Affairs Committee;
- **More women in economic and social decision-making bodies** (Rapporteur: Ms Gautier, France, EPP/CD): took position on the amendments tabled to the draft resolution;
- **Women in North Africa**: held an exchange of views with the participation of Ms Gauri van Gulik, Advocate and Researcher for Europe and Central Asia, Women's Rights Division Human Rights Watch;
- **Meeting of the PACE Network of contact parliamentarians committed to combating violence against women**: held a hearing on Rape: 'myths', media and reality, with the participation of:
  - Ms Heather Harvey, Lilith Research and Development Manager, United Kingdom;
  - Ms Lee Eggleston, Chair, Rape Crisis, England & Wales;
  - Mr Carlo Chiaromonte, Secretariat of the Ad Hoc Committee on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (CAHVIO);
- **The situation of women in Ukraine**: held an exchange of views with the participation of:
  - Mr Ivan Popescu, Chairperson of the Ukrainian delegation to the Assembly;
  - Ms Olena Bondarenko (Ukraine, EPP/CD);
  - Ms Katerina Levchenko, lawyer and Director of La Strada - Ukraine;
- **Pre-natal sex selection** (Rapporteur: Ms Stump, Switzerland, SOC): heard a statement by the Rapporteur on her fact-finding visit to Armenia and Georgia (14-17 June 2011) and held an exchange of views on the basis of a preliminary draft report;

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- **Psychological violence** (Rapporteur: Ms Kovács, Serbia, EPP/CD): heard a statement by the rapporteur and held an exchange of views on the basis of a preliminary draft report;
- **Fighting the global backlash against women's human rights** (Rapporteur: Ms Err, Luxembourg, SOC): heard a statement by the Rapporteur and held an exchange of views on the basis of a memorandum;
- **Violent pornography: a threat to women's dignity and rights** (Rapporteur: Mr Stuligrosz, Poland, EPP/CD): in the absence of the Rapporteur, took note of a preliminary draft report;
- **Muslim women: for equal opportunities** (Rapporteur: Ms Ferić-Vac, Croatia, SOC): in the absence of the Rapporteur, took note of a memorandum;
- **European norms concerning the enforcement and supervision of restraining orders in case of gender-based violence** (Rapporteur: Ms Kiuru, Finland, SOC): heard a statement by the Rapporteur, took note of her resignation and decided to appoint a new Rapporteur at its next meeting, with a view to having the report debated at the Standing Committee of 25 November 2011 in Edinburgh;
- **Priorities and work programme**: took note of the work programme and decided to ask the Bureau to authorise an appeal for voluntary contributions from national parliaments and/or governments to cover part of the funding necessary to sustain the parliamentary dimension of the Council of Europe campaign to promote the signature and ratification of the Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence;
- **Appointment of representatives**: authorised Mr Mendes Bota (Portugal, EPP/CD) to participate in the GenderStat Expert Group Meeting, organised by WAVE, Vienna, 30 June 2011 (*at no cost for the Assembly*);
- **Place and date of its next meetings**: decided to hold its next meetings as follows:
  - Paris (Council of Europe office), 9 September 2011;
  - Strasbourg, during the 2011 4<sup>th</sup> part session of the Assembly (3-8 October);
  - Strasbourg, during the 2012 1<sup>st</sup> part session of the Assembly (23-27 January).

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