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To the members of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination

Synopsis of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 21, 22, 23 and 24 January 2013

The Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, meeting in Strasbourg from 21 to 24 January 2013, first with Ms Sahiba Gafarova (Azerbaijan, EDG), oldest member present, and then with Mr Mendes Bota (Portugal, EPP/CD) and Ms Acketoft (Sweden, ALDE) in the Chair,

- on Monday 21 January from 2 to 3.30 pm, as regards:
 - **Election of the Bureau of the Committee:** elected by acclamation:
 - Ms Tina Acketoft (Sweden, ALDE) as Chairperson,
 - Mr José Mendes Bota (Portugal, EPP/CD) as First Vice-Chairperson,
 - Ms Gisela Wurm (Austria, SOC) as Second Vice-Chairperson,
 - Mr Nikolaj Villumsen (Denmark, UEL) as Third Vice-Chairperson;
 - **Reconstitution of sub-committees:** reconstituted its sub-committees on:
 - gender equality,
 - the rights of minorities,
 - racism and xenophobia;
 - **Renewal of general rapporteurs:** confirmed the appointment of:
 - Mr Mendes Bota (Portugal, EPP/CD) as General rapporteur on violence against women,
 - Mr Håkon Haugli (Norway, SOC) as General rapporteur on the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people (LGBTs):
 - **Trafficking of migrant workers for forced labour** (*Rapporteur for opinion: Ms Pirkko Mattila, Finland, NR*): in the absence of the Rapporteur, approved a draft opinion to the report of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, including four amendments;
 - **Stalking** (*Rapporteur: Ms Gisela Wurm, Austria, SOC*): held an exchange of views with Ms Alexis Bowater, Chief Executive of the Network for Surviving Stalking (United Kingdom) and considered a preliminary draft report;

- **Meetings of the Committee outside Strasbourg and Paris:** accepted an invitation from the delegation of Poland to hold its next meeting in Warsaw, on 18 and 19 March 2013, subject to the authorisation of the Bureau;

- **on Tuesday 22 January from 8.30 to 10am, as regards:**
 - **Assembly's institutional representation:** appointed Mr Boriss Cilevičs (Latvia, SOC) as a Representative and Mr David Davies (United Kingdom, EDG) as a Substitute to represent the Committee to the Europe Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI) for 2013;
 - **Membership of sub-committees:** approved of the membership of sub-committees as indicated in the appendix;
 - **Addressing age discrimination on the labour market (Rapporteur: Ms Sahiba Gafarova, Azerbaijan, EDG):** considered an introductory memorandum;
 - **Co-operation with the Commissioner for Human Rights:** held an exchange of views with Mr Nils Muižnieks, Commissioner for Human Rights;
 - **Tackling discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity (Rapporteur: Mr Håkon Haugli, Norway, SOC):** considered a revised memorandum;
 - **Tackling racism in the police (Rapporteur: Mr David Davies, United Kingdom, EDG):** heard a statement by Mr Davies following his fact-finding visit to the United Kingdom (10-11 December 2012), considered a memorandum and authorised Mr Davies to conduct a fact-finding visit to Greece;

- **on Thursday 24 January from 2 to 3.30 pm, as regards:**
 - **Gender equality, reconciliation of personal and working life and shared responsibility (Rapporteur: Ms Carmen Quintanilla Barba, Spain, EPP/CD):** took a unanimous position in favour of the amendment and asked its Chair to propose that it should be declared as adopted by the Assembly, according to Rule 33.11 of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure;
 - **Criminalising the purchase of sex to combat the trafficking of people for sexual exploitation (Rapporteur: Mr José Mendes Bota, Portugal, EPP/CD):** heard a statement by the Rapporteur, held an exchange of views with the participation of Mr Nicolas Le Coz, President of the Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (GRETA) and authorised the Rapporteur to conduct fact-finding visits to Germany, the Netherlands and Sweden;
 - **Ending discrimination against Roma children (Rapporteur: Ms Nursuna Memecan, Turkey, ALDE):** held an exchange of views with the participation of Ms Isabela Mihalache, Independent Expert for Roma Affairs, Consultant with the Council of Europe - Children's Rights Division and Office of the Special Representative of the General Secretary for Roma issues;
 - **Appointment of representatives:**
 - appointed Mr José Mendes Bota (Portugal, EPP/CD) to participate in the 57th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) and relevant side events, to be held on 4, 5 and 6 March 2013 in New York;
 - took note of the participation of the following members in the CSW: Ms Sahiba Gafarova (Azerbaijan, EDG), Ms Maria Giannakaki (Greece, SOC), Ms Nursuna Memecan (Turkey, ALDE), Ms Carmen Quintanilla Barba (Spain, EPP/CD), Ms Theodora Tzakri (Greece, SOC) and Ms Gisela Wurm (Austria, SOC) - at no cost to the Assembly;

- appointed Mr Valeriu Ghiletschi (Moldova, EPP/CD) to participate in the 10th meeting of the Committee of the Parties to the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings, which will be held on Friday 15 February 2013 in Strasbourg;
- **Appointment of a Rapporteur:** appointed Mr Valeriu Ghiletschi (Moldova, EPP/CD) as Rapporteur on *Tackling intolerance and discrimination in Europe with a special focus on Christianity* and heard from him a declaration on the absence of conflict of interest;
- **Date and place of the next meetings of the committee:** decided to hold its next meetings as follows:
 - Warsaw, 18-19 March 2013
 - Strasbourg, during the 2nd part-session 2013 of the Assembly (22-26 April)
 - Madrid, 27-28 May 2013 (*to be confirmed and subject to the Bureau's authorisation*)
 - Strasbourg, during the 3rd part-session 2013 of the Assembly (24-28 June)
 - Paris, 11 September 2013
 - Strasbourg, during the 4th part-session 2013 of the Assembly (30 September – 4 October)
 - Paris, 5-6 December 2013.

The Parliamentary Network “Women Free from Violence”, meeting in Strasbourg on 23 January 2013 jointly with the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, with Mr Mendes Bota (Portugal, EPP/CD) and Mr Giacomo Santini (Italy, EPP/CD) as Co-Chairs, held a hearing on **Refugee women and the Istanbul Convention**, organised in co-operation with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), with the participation of:

- Ms Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe,
- Ms Fadela Novak-Irons, Policy Officer, Policy and Legal Support Unit at the UNHCR Bureau for Europe in Brussels,
- Ms Paivi Hirvelä, Judge at the European Court of Human Rights (Finland), and
- Ms Djenabou Teliwel Diallo, refugee and activist against female genital mutilations.

The Sub-committee on racism and xenophobia, meeting in Strasbourg on 24 January 2013 from 8.30 am to 8.45 am, with Ms Gisela Wurm (Austria, SOC) oldest member present, and then Ms Sahiba Gafarova (Azerbaijan, EDG) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Election of the Bureau of the Sub-committee:** elected Ms Sahiba Gafarova (Azerbaijan, EDG) Chairperson and Mr Jonas Gunnarsson (Sweden, SOC), Vice-Chairperson, by acclamation;
- **Next meeting:** left it to its Chairperson to decide the date and place of the next meeting.

The Sub-committee on gender equality, meeting in Strasbourg on Thursday 24 January 2013 from 8.45 am to 10 am, first with Ms Carmen Quintanilla Barba (Spain, EPP/CD), oldest member present, and then Ms Fatiha Saïdi (Belgium, SOC) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Election of the Bureau of the Sub-committee:** elected Ms Fatiha Saïdi (Belgium, SOC) Chairperson by acclamation and decided to postpone the election of the Vice-Chairperson to its next meeting;
- **Constitutionally discriminated: women's rights in Egypt under the new basic law:** held a hearing with the participation of Ms Karima Kamal, journalist, Al-Masry Al-Youm/Egypt Independent, Cairo;
- **Gender Equality Prize of the Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly:** held an exchange of views on the procedure;
- **Next meeting:** decided to hold its next meeting during the 2nd part-session in Strasbourg (22-26 April 2013).

Sonia Sirtori, Marine Trévisan, Giorgio Loddo, Elodie Fischer, Géraldine Grenet

cc.: Secretary General of the Assembly
Director General, Directors and all staff of the Secretariat of the Assembly
Secretaries of National Delegations and of Political Groups of the Assembly
Secretaries of observer and partner for democracy delegations
Secretary General of the Congress
Secretary to the Committee of Ministers
Directors General
Director of the Private Office of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe
Director of the Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights
Director of Communication
Permanent Representations to the Council of Europe.

APPENDIX

Sub-committee on the rights of minorities
Sous-commission sur les droits des minorités

List of members/ liste des membres (28 seats / 28 sièges)

Chairperson / Président(e):

Vice-Chairperson / Vice-Président(e):

	Country/pays	Member/titulaire	Alternate/suppléant (e)
1.	Belgium / <i>Belgique</i>	M. Danny PIETERS	M. Armand de DECKER
2.	Finland / <i>Finlande</i>	Ms Pirkko MATTILA	
3.	Greece / <i>Grèce</i>	Ms Maria GIANNAKAKI	Ms Eleni RAPTI
4.	Hungary / <i>Hongrie</i>	Mr Ferenc KALMÁR	
5.	Ireland / <i>Irlande</i>	Mr Michael McNAMARA	Ms Katherine ZAPPONE
6.	Latvia / <i>Lettonie</i>	Mr Boriss CILEVIČS	
7.	Luxembourg	M. Félix BRAZ	Mme Lydia MUTSCH
8.	Moldova / <i>Moldavie</i>	Mr Valeriu GHILETCHI	
9.	Netherlands / <i>Pays-Bas</i>	Mr Pieter OMTZIGT	Ms Cora van NIEUWENHUIZEN
10.	Poland / <i>Pologne</i>	Mr Robert BIEDRÓN	
11.	Serbia / <i>Serbie</i>	Ms Elvira KOVACS	
12.	Slovak Republic / République slovaque	Mr József NAGY	
13.	Sweden / <i>Suède</i>	Ms Marietta de POURBAIX-LUNDIN	
14.	Switzerland / <i>Suisse</i>	M. Gerhard PFISTER	M. Eric VORUZ
15.	Turkey / <i>Turquie</i>	Ms Tülin ERKAL KARA	
16.	Ukraine	Mr Oleksandr FELDMAN	
17.	United Kingdom / <i>Royaume-Uni</i>	Baroness Emma NICHOLSON	Baroness Peta BUSCOMBE

Ex officio: Ms Tina Acketoft (Chairperson of the Committee, Sweden / Présidente de la Commission, Suède)

Sub-committee on gender equality
Sous-commission sur l'égalité de genre

List of members/ liste des membres (28 seats / 28 sièges)

Chairperson / Présidente:

Ms Fatiha SAÏDI (Belgium / Belgique, SOC)

Vice Chairperson / Vice-Président(e):

	Country / pays	Member / titulaire	Alternate / suppléant (e)
1.	Andorra / Andorre	Ms Silvia Eloïsa BONET PEROT	
2.	Austria / Autriche	Ms Gisela WURM	
3.	Azerbaijan / <i>Azerbaïdjan</i>	Ms Sahiba GAFAROVA	
4.	Belgium / <i>Belgique</i>	Ms Fatiha SAÏDI	Ms Cindy FRANSSEN
5.	Finland / <i>Finlande</i>	Ms Riitta MYLLER	
6.	France	Mme Marie-Jo ZIMMERMANN	Mme Bernadette BOURZAI
7.	Greece / <i>Grèce</i>	Ms Theodora TZAKRI	
8.	Ireland / <i>Irlande</i>	Ms Katherine ZAPPONE	Mr Michael McNAMARA
9.	<i>Luxembourg</i>	Mme Lydia MUTSCH	
10.	Netherlands / <i>Pays-Bas</i>	Mme Khadija ARIB	Ms Marjolein FABER-VAN DE KLASHORST
11.	Poland / <i>Pologne</i>	Mme Elzbieta RADZISZEWSKA	
12.	Portugal	Mr José MENDES BOTA	
13.	Serbia / <i>Serbie</i>	Ms Aleksandra DJUROVIĆ	
14.	Slovenia / <i>Slovénie</i>	Ms Andreja ČRNAK MEGLIČ	
15.	Sweden / <i>Suède</i>	Ms Carina HÄGG	
16.	Switzerland / <i>Suisse</i>	Mr Gerhard PFISTER	
17.	Turkey / <i>Turquie</i>	Ms Gülsün BİLGEHAN	
18.	United Kingdom / <i>Royaume-Uni</i>	Baroness Judith WILCOX	Ms Sandra OSBORNE

Ex officio: Ms Tina Acketoft (Chairperson of the Committee, Sweden / Présidente de la Commission, Suède)

Sub-committee on racism and xenophobia
Sous-commission sur le racisme et la xénophobie

List of members/ liste des membres (28 seats / 28 sièges)

Chairperson / Présidente: Ms Sahiba GAFAROVA (Azerbaijan / Azerbaïdjan, EDG/ GDE)

Vice-Chairperson / Vice-Président: Mr Jonas GUNNARSSON (Sweden / Suède, SOC)

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1.	Austria / <i>Autriche</i>	Ms Gisela WURM	
2.	Azerbaijan / Azerbaïdjan	Ms Sahiba GAFAROVA	
3.	Belgium / <i>Belgique</i>	Mr Danny PIETERS	Mme Fatiha SAÏDI
4.	Finland / <i>Finlande</i>	Ms Riitta MYLLER	Ms Pirkko MATTILA
5.	France	M. Frédéric REISS	M. Jean-Marie BOCKEL
6.	Greece / <i>Grèce</i>	Ms Maria GIANNAKAKI	Ms Theodora TZAKRI
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8.	Netherlands / <i>Pays-Bas</i>	Ms Marjolein FABER-VAN DE KLASHORST	
9.	Sweden / <i>Suède</i>	Mr Jonas GUNNARSSON	
10.	Turkey / <i>Turquie</i>	Ms Ahmet Kutalmış TÜRKEŞ	Ms Tülin ERKAL KARA
11.	United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni	Mr David DAVIES	Mr Paul FLYNN

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