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“Exchange of experiences on the role of Parliaments in preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence”

*Organised by the
Parliamentary Assembly
and the
Council of Europe Project “Combating violence against women
and children in Ukraine” for members of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine*

BUDAPEST
28-29 September 2017

PROGRAMME

VENUE:

*Council of Europe
European Youth Centre Budapest (Room A)
1024 Budapest,
Zivatar utca 1-3.
Hungary*

1. Objectives

The main objective of the seminar is to support the ratification and, later on, the implementation of the Istanbul Convention and further harmonisation of national legislation aiming at combating violence against women and domestic violence in Ukraine. In this, parliamentarians have a great role to play. Indeed, one major innovation of the Istanbul Convention is the parliamentary dimension in the monitoring of its implementation.

It also aims at supporting dialogue and co-operation between representatives of the Parliament and civil society and to promote public consultation in the policy-making process.

2. Participants

The participants are members of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, representing Committees working on the process of ratification of the Istanbul Convention and bringing relevant national legislation in line with the Convention standards. Working languages of the seminar will be **English, French, German and Ukrainian**.

3. Background documents

- Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (2011);
- PACE Resolution 1963 (2013) and Recommendation 2030 (2013) on Violence against women in Europe
- PACE Resolution 2084 (2015) on Promoting best practices in tackling violence against women

4. Draft Programme

Thursday, 28 September 2017

10.00 -10.30 Registration of participants and welcome coffee

10.30– 11.00

OPENING SESSION

Ms Sahiba GAFAROVA, General Rapporteur on violence against women of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

Ms Olga BOGOMOLETS, Chairperson of the Committee on Health Care of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine

Mr Marten EHNBERG, Head of the Council of Europe Office in Ukraine

11.00 – 12.30

SESSION 1 – THE ISTANBUL CONVENTION AND ITS ADDED VALUE

Chairperson: **Ms Maryvonne BLONDIN**, Member of the Senate of France, Member of the National Delegation of France to the PACE

Speakers: **Ms Katja TIILIKAINEN**, Gender Adviser of the Council of Europe Office in Ukraine

Added value of the Istanbul Convention

Mr Javier TRUCHERO, International Expert, Lawyer

Exchange of views

12.30 – 14.00 *Lunch*

14.00 – 16.00

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| SESSION 2 – THE ROLE OF THE PARLIAMENT IN PREVENTING AND COMBATING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE |
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Chairperson: **Mr Marten EHNBERG**, Head of the Council of Europe Office in Ukraine

Speakers: ***Recent ratifications***

Mr Dimitri TSKITISHVILI, Deputy Chair of the Foreign Relations Committee of the Parliament of Georgia, Member of the National Delegation of Georgia to the PACE

Implementation process

Ms Maryvonne BLONDIN, Member of the Senate of France, Member of the National Delegation of France to the PACE

Ms Gisela WURM, Member of the Austrian Parliament, Chairperson of the National Delegation of Austria to the PACE

15.00-15.15 *Coffee break*

Ukraine on its way to ratification

Ms Iryna LUTSENKO, Member of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, Chairperson of the subcommittee on International Legal Issues and Parliamentary Control over Ukraine's compliance with the international commitments and standards

Mr Vitalii KUPRII, Deputy Chairman of the Committee on Legislative Support of Law Enforcement of the Verkhovna Rada

Ms Iryna SUSLOVA, Member of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, Chairperson of the subcommittee on gender equality and non-discrimination

Exchange of views

16.00 **End of the first day of the seminar**

Friday, 29 September 2017

9.30 – 12.00

SESSION 3 – MONITORING OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Chairperson: **Ms Iryna LUTSENKO**, Member of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, Chairperson of the subcommittee on International Legal Issues and Parliamentary Control over Ukraine's compliance with the international commitments and standards

Speakers: ***National monitoring***

Ms Nataliya FEDOROVYCH, Vice Minister of Social Policy of Ukraine responsible for gender equality, protection of women's and children's rights issues

Ms Anastasia DEEVA, Deputy Minister of Interior of Ukraine on European Integration

Ms Aksana FILIPISHINA, Commissioner Representative for observance of the rights of the child, non-discrimination and gender equality

Presentation of the monitoring mechanism of the Istanbul Convention

Ms Rosa LOGAR, First Vice President of the Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (GREVIO)

11.00 -11.15 *Coffee break*

Exchange of views

12.00 – 13.30 *Lunch*

13.30 – 15.30

SESSION 4 – BREAKING THE SILENCE – LISTENING TO SURVIVORS

Chairperson: **Ms Iryna SUSLOVA**, Member of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, Chairperson of the subcommittee on gender equality and non-discrimination

Testimonies from survivors of violence against women and domestic violence

Exchange of views

15.30 -15.45 *Coffee break*

15.45 – 17.00

SESSION 5 – CO-OPERATION WITH CIVIL SOCIETY: EXISTING LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK AND FURTHER CHALLENGES AND NEEDS

Chairperson: **Mr Dimitri TSKITISHVILI**, Deputy Chair of the Foreign Relations Committee of the Parliament of Georgia, Member of the National Delegation of Georgia to the PACE

Speakers:

Ms Kateryna LEVCHENKO, President of "La Strada Ukraine"

Ms Olena SUSLOVA, Head of Women's Information Consultative Center

Ms Halyna SKIPALSKA, Executive Director of the Ukrainian Foundation for Public Health

Exchange of views

17.00 – 17.20

CLOSING SESSION

- **Ms Sahiba GAFAROVA**, General Rapporteur on violence against women of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
- **Ms Katja TIILIKAINEN**, Gender Adviser of the Council of Europe Office in Ukraine
- **Ms Iryna LUTSENKO**, Member of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine

17.20 **End of the Seminar**

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