



SEMINAR

## **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN FINLAND**

**Best practices for  
preventing domestic violence**

**8 April 2008  
The Parliament of Finland  
Annex building  
Auditorium**



**The seminar is organised by the Finnish PACE delegation, the  
Employment and Equality Committee and Legal Affairs  
Committee of the Finnish Parliament in co-operation with the  
steering group of the COE campaign against domestic violence  
against women in Finland.**



9.00 Registration of participants  
Coffee

9.30 Welcoming address  
Mrs. Sinikka Hurskainen  
Chairperson of the Finnish PACE delegation  
Member of the Finnish Parliament

**Opening address: Mrs. Tarja Halonen, President of the Republic**

## **SESSION I**

### **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN FINLAND**

#### **Legislative initiatives for stopping domestic violence and protecting victims**

Chair: Mrs. Heidi Hautala  
Chairman of Legal Affairs Committee of the Finnish Parliament

**10.00 The situation in Finland with respect to domestic violence against women  
Background and statistics**

Mr. Markku Heiskanen  
Senior researcher  
The European Institute for Crime Prevention and Control

**10.20 Finnish legislation related to domestic violence against women**

Mrs. Johanna Niemi  
Docent, National Research Institute of Legal Policy, Finland

**10.40 Best practices from other countries**

**- Sweden: Special legislation concerning violence against women in Sweden**

Mrs Gudrun Nordborg,  
Information manager  
Crime Victim Compensation and Support Authority, Umeå, Sweden.

**- The case of Portugal**

Mr Manuel Lisboa  
Professor, University of Lisbon  
Member of the COE Task Force to stop domestic violence against women

### **Questions**

11.30 Coffee break

## **SESSION II**

### **SERVICES AND SUPPORT FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

**Chair: Mr. Jukka Gustafsson, Finnish contact parliamentarian for the COE campaign "Stop the violence against women".**

Vice-chairman of the Employment and Equality Committee, Finnish Parliament

**11.50 Services and support provided by the municipalities for the victims of domestic violence in Finland**

**Mrs. Helena Ewalds**

STAKES, National Research and Development Center for Welfare and Health  
Member of the COE Task Force to stop domestic violence against women.

**12.05 Co-operation between municipal authorities in Finland**

- **The programme for the prevention of domestic violence of the city of Hyvinkää**  
**Mrs Eeva Lehtineva, Crisis center of Hyvinkää**
- **Domestic violence from the viewpoint of police work**  
**Mr Veli Hukkanen**  
**Helsinki Police Department**

Questions

12.35 **Address by Mrs Paula Risikko**  
**Minister of Health and Social Services**

**12h50 Closing address**

**Mr. Jukka Gustafsson,**  
**Finnish Contact parliamentarian for the COE campaign "Stop violence against women".**  
**Vice-chairman of the Employment and Equality Committee of the Finnish Parliament**

13.00 *End of seminar*