

Thursday 6 December 2007

9:00 Registration of participants

Chair: Mr Pēteris Kārlis Elferts

Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Latvia to the Council of Europe, Thematic Co-ordinator on Gender Equality of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe

I. Opening Session

9:30 *Addresses by*

Mr Terry Davis

Secretary General, Council of Europe

Mr Emil Kuchár

Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Slovakia to the Council of Europe, representative of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe

II. Support services provided for women victims of violence: experiences in Council of Europe member states

10:30 **Keynote speaker: Mr Thomas Hammarberg**

Commissioner for Human Rights, Council of Europe

Questions and discussion

11:30 Coffee

III. International legal obligation to provide support services for women victims of violence

12:00 **Keynote speaker: Ms Yakin Ertürk**

United Nations Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences

Questions and discussion

13:00 Lunch

Chair: Ms Hilary Fisher

Chairperson, Council of Europe Task Force to Combat Violence against Women, including Domestic Violence

IV. Council of Europe Study on minimum standards of support services for women victims of violence

14:30 **Keynote speaker: Ms Liz Kelly**

Roddick Chair in Violence against Women, Child and Woman Abuse Studies Unit, London Metropolitan University, United Kingdom

Questions and discussion

15:45 Coffee

V. Minimum standards for shelters prepared by WAVE

16:15 **Keynote speaker: Ms Rosa Logar**

Domestic Abuse Intervention Centre, (Vienna, Austria), and WAVE-Network, member of the Council of Europe Task Force to Combat Violence against Women, including Domestic Violence

Questions and discussion

VI. Minimum standards for counselling and intervention centres

17:00 **Keynote speaker: Ms Nicola Harwin**

Chief Executive, Women's Aid Federation of England, United Kingdom

Questions and discussion

17:45 End of first day

Friday 7 December 2007

Chair: Ms Dubravka Šimonović

Vice-Chairperson of the Council of Europe Task Force to Combat Violence against Women, including Domestic Violence

VII. Multi-agency co-operation: structures, standards and guidelines

10:00 **Keynote speaker: Ms Carol Hagemann-White**

Professor, Faculty of General Pedagogy and Gender Studies, University of Osnabrück, Germany

Questions and discussion

11:00 *Practical experiences in Council of Europe member states*

Ms Morgan Fackrell

Chief Executive, Cardiff Women's Aid, United Kingdom

Questions and discussion

11:30 Coffee

12:00 *Practical experiences in Council of Europe member states*

Ms Branislava Marvanová Vargová

Rosa Foundation, Prague, Czech Republic

Questions and discussion

VIII. Closing address

12:30 **Mr Jan Kleijssen**

Director of Standard-Setting, Directorate General of Human Rights and Legal Affairs, Council of Europe

12:45 End of conference

Violence against women is the result of an imbalance of power between women and men, leading to serious discrimination against women, both within society and the family. Violence in the family or domestic unit occurs in every Council of Europe member state despite positive developments in law, policies and practices. Violence against women is a violation of human rights, the very nature of which deprives women of their ability to enjoy fundamental freedoms. It often leaves women vulnerable to further abuse and is a major obstacle to overcoming inequality between women and men in society. Violence against women is a detriment to peace, security and democracy in Europe.

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