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# PARLIAMENTS UNITED IN COMBATING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Meeting of the Regional Group A

Parliament of Finland – Helsinki, Finland

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**Venue: Parliament of Finland,**  
Arkadiankatu 3 – Helsinki

**Working Language:** English

29/10/2007

09:30 **Opening of the meeting**

- Ms Carina Hägg, Contact Parliamentarian for Sweden, Regional Coordinator
- Mr Jukka Gustafsson, Contact Parliamentarian for Finland

**Chair: Ms Carina Hägg**  
Contact Parliamentarian for Sweden  
Regional Coordinator

**PRESENTATION OF THE FINNISH LEGISLATION REGARDING THE FIGHT AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

10:00 Mrs. Johanna Niemi-Kiesiläinen, docent, senior researcher, National Research Institute of Legal Policy

**PRESENTATION OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF FINNISH POLICIES TO COMBAT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

10:30 Ms Pia Puu Oskanen, Special representative of Amnesty International in Finland

*Questions and discussion*

11:00 Coffee Break

**PRESENTATION OF PRIORITY MEASURES TO BE ADOPTED BY PARLIAMENTS: EVALUATION CRITERIA FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CAMPAIGN**

11:30 Ms Carina Hägg, Contact Parliamentarian for Sweden, Regional Coordinator

*Questions and discussion*

12:15 Lunch hosted by the Parliament of Finland

**NATIONAL EXAMPLES OF PRIORITY MEASURES TO BE ADOPTED BY PARLIAMENTS:**

13:30 **Making domestic violence against women, including marital rape, a criminal offence**

Presentation by Ms Marija Aušrinė Pavilionienė, contact parliamentarian for Lithuania

*Questions and discussion*

13:45 **Regarding violence perpetrated between (former) partners as an aggravating circumstance**

Presentation by Mr Kamal Qureshi, Member of the Danish parliament, representative of the contact parliamentarian for Denmark

*Questions and discussion*

14:00 **Setting up sufficient numbers of safe emergency shelters**

Presentation by Mr Steingrímur J. Sigfússon (tbc), contact parliamentarian for Iceland

*Questions and discussion*

- 14:15      **Allocating sufficient budgetary resources for the implementation of the law**  
Presentation by Mrs Heidi Hautala, member of the parliament of Finland  
*Questions and discussion*
- 14:30      **Guaranteeing effective access to the courts and to protection measures for victims**  
Presentation by Ms Carina Hägg, Contact parliamentarian for Sweden, Regional Coordinator  
*Questions and discussion*
- 14:45      **Making provision to remove violent spouses or partners and take out protection orders**  
Presentation by Ms Lise Christoffersen (tbc), contact parliamentarian for Norway  
*Questions and discussion*
- 15:00      Coffee Break
- 15:30      **The monitoring role of the Parliament**  
Presentation by Mr Jukka Gustafsson, Contact parliamentarian for Finland  
*Questions and discussion*
- 15:45      **ROUND TABLE ON THE LEGISLATIVE WORK FORESEEN IN PARLIAMENTS: ROADMAP FOR THE SECOND PART OF THE CAMPAIGN**  
*(Each contact Parliamentarian will be invited to present future plans of Legislative work foreseen for combating domestic violence against women during the implementation of the campaign.)*  
*Questions and discussion*
- 16:30      **CLOSING SESSION**  
**Presentation of the conclusions of the meeting**  
Ms Carina Hägg, Contact Parliamentarian for Sweden, Regional Coordinator  
**Closing speech**
  - Ms Carina Hägg, Contact Parliamentarian for Sweden, Regional Coordinator
  - Mr Jukka Gustafsson, Contact Parliamentarian for Finland
- 17:15      **End of the meeting**