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## **PARLIAMENTS UNITED IN COMBATING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN**

**Meeting of the Regional Group B**

**Council of Europe Office, Paris**

**28 November 2007**

**Organised by Mr Jean-Guy Branger,  
Contact parliamentarian for France (Senate) and Coordinator of the Regional Group B  
With the support of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe**

**DRAFT PROGRAMME**



**Venue:** Paris  
55, avenue Kléber  
F - 75784 Paris Cedex 16  
**Working Languages:**  
English, French

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09.30 **Opening of the meeting**

Mr. Jean-Guy BRANGER, Contact Parliamentarian for France (Senate), Coordinator of the Regional Group B

**Chair: Mr. Jean-Guy BRANGER**  
Contact Parliamentarian for France (Senate)  
and Coordinator of the Regional Group B

**PUTTING MEASURES IN PLACE TO COMBAT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN FRANCE**

9.40 **Combating domestic violence against women in France : evaluation of the measures already in place and proposals for future action**

Ms Valérie LETARD, Secretary of State in charge of Solidarity, Ministry of Labour, Labour Relations and Solidarity (tbc)

*Questions and discussion*

10.15 **Combating domestic violence against women in France : NGO's viewpoint**

NN, representative of Amnesty International France

10.30 *Questions and discussion*

11.00 *Coffee break*

**COMBATING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE'S VIEWPOINT**

11.15 **Recommendation Rec (2002)5:** presentation of the legal aspects of the follow-up to the Council of Europe Recommendation

Ms Hilary FISHER, Chairperson of the Council of Europe Task Force to combat violence against women, including domestic violence

11.30 **The seven priority measures to be adopted by parliaments**

Presentation by Mr. Jean-Guy BRANGER, Contact Parliamentarian for France (Senate) and Coordinator of the Regional Group B

11.45 *Questions and discussion*

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

12.15 **Criminalisation of domestic violence against women, including the criminalisation of marital rape**

Presentation by Ms Catherine FAUTRIER, Contact Parliamentarian for Monaco

*Questions and discussion*

12.30 **Violence perpetrated against (ex) partners : an aggravating circumstance**

Presentation by Ms Miet SMET, Contact Parliamentarian for Belgium

*Questions and discussion*

13:00 *Lunch offered by Mr. Jean-Guy BRANGER Member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe Committee for Equal Opportunities for Women and Men*

- 14:30      **Creation of an adequate number of emergency shelters**
- Presentation by Ms Christine Mc CAFFERTY, Contact Parliamentarian for the United Kingdom
- Questions and discussion*
- 14.45      **Guaranteeing effective access to the courts and to protection measures for victims**
- Presentation by Ms Lisa McDONALD, Member of the Irish Senate
- Questions and discussion*
- 15.00      **Allocating sufficient budgetary resources for the implementation of the law**
- Presentation by Mr. Gebhard NEGELE, Contact Parliamentarian for Liechtenstein (tbc)
- Questions and discussion*
- 15.15      **The monitoring role of the Parliament**
- Presentation by Ms Lydie ERR, Contact Parliamentarian for Luxembourg
- Questions and discussion*
- 15.30      *Coffee break*
- Moderator: Ms Claude GREFF**  
Contact Parliamentarian for France (National Assembly)
- 15.45      **ROUND TABLE ON THE LEGISLATIVE WORK FORESEEN IN PARLIAMENTS**  
*(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*
- 16.45      **Closing Session**
- Presentation of the conclusions of the meeting**
- Mr Jean-Guy BRANGER, Contact Parliamentarian for France (Senate) and Coordinator of the Regional Group B
- 17.00      **End of the meeting**