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PARLIAMENTS UNITED IN COMBATING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

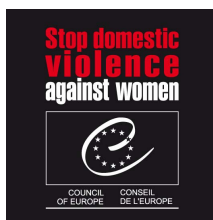
Meeting of the Regional Groups D

National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria

Sofia, 29 November 2007

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DRAFT PROGRAMME



Venue: National Assembly

Sofia, Bulgaria
1, Alexander 1st Sq.
Hall 134

Working Languages: Bulgarian, French, English

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28 November, 2007

Arrival of participants

- 18.30 Departure by bus from hotel "Best Western City" to the National Library
- 19.00 Opening of the exhibition "Combating Domestic Violence against Women" at the "St. St. Cyril and Methodius" National Library
- 20:00 Dinner hosted by M. Younal LOUTFI, Chairperson of the Bulgarian delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe.
"Panorama" restaurant, Kempinski-Zografski hotel

29 November, 2007

- 09:15 Departure by bus from hotel "Best Western City"
- 09:30 **Opening of the meeting**
- M. Younal LOUTFI, Chairperson of the Bulgarian delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
 - Ms Gülsün BILGEHAN, Chairperson of the PACE Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men
 - Ms Darinka STANTCHEVA, Contact Parliamentarian for Bulgaria, Regional Coordinator, Group D

COMBATING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN : BULGARIAN EXPERIENCES

- 10:00 The Bulgarian legislation on combating domestic violence against women
Ms Marina DIKOVA, Parliamentarian of Bulgaria
- Questions and discussion*
- 10:30 The Implementation of Bulgarian policies to combat domestic violence against women
- Ms Hristina HRISTOVA, Parliamentarian of Bulgaria, former Minister for Social Affairs
 - Ms Ivanka HRISTOVA, Deputy Minister of Social Affairs
- Questions and discussion*
- 11:00 *Coffee Break*

COMBATING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN : A COUNCIL OF EUROPE PERSPECTIVE

- 11:30 Recommendation Rec (2002)5: presentation of the legal aspects and the monitoring of the implementation of the Recommendation of the Council of Europe
Ms Gülsün BİLGEHAN, Chairperson of the PACE Committee of Equal Opportunities for Women and Men
- 11:45 Priority measures to be adopted by Parliaments: evaluation criterias for the implementation of the Campaign
Mr José MENDES BOTA, PACE Rapporteur on *"Parliaments united in combating domestic violence against women": mid-term assessment of the campaign*
- Questions and discussion*
- 12:30 *Lunch hosted by the National Assembly of Bulgaria.
"Arena" restaurant*

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

- 14:00 **“The public opinion on domestic violence” – a retrospective analysis based on national representative surveys made by the National Public Opinion Survey Centre (2003 - 2007)**
- Presentation by Ms Lidia YORDANOVA, Director, NAPOC
- Questions and discussion*
- 14:15 **Initiatives of the Ministry of Interior and the National Police Service for prevention and counteraction to domestic violence, undertaken in fulfillment of the Law for protection against domestic violence**
- Presentation by Mrs. Blagorodna MAKEVA, PhD, senior legal advisor, General Police Directorate
- Discussion*
- 14:45 **Setting up sufficient numbers of safe emergency shelters**
- Presentation by Ms Valentina BOZINOVSKA, parliamentarian from “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”
- Discussion*
- 15:00 **Allocating sufficient budgetary resources for the implementation of the law**
- Presentation by Mr Mehmet HOXHA, parliamentarian of Albania
- Questions and discussion*
- 15:30 **ROUND TABLE ON THE LEGISLATIVE WORK FORESEEN IN PARLIAMENTS**
- Panel discussion with parliamentarians moderated by Mr José MENDES BOTA, PACE Rapporteur on “*Parliaments united in combating domestic violence against women*”: *mid-term assessment of the campaign*
- Each 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*
- 16:00 *Coffee Break*
- 16:30 **CLOSING SESSION**
- Presentation of the conclusions of the meeting**
- Ms Darinka STANTCHEVA, Contact Parliamentarian for Bulgaria, Regional Coordinator, Group D
- 16:45 **End of the meeting**