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PARLIAMENTS UNITED IN COMBATING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Final Conference of the Parliamentary Dimension of the
Council of Europe Campaign to Combat Violence against Women,
including Domestic Violence

Nationalrat, 30 April 2008
Vienna, Austria

Organised jointly by the
Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and the Austrian Parliament

PROGRAMME



Venue: Austrian Parliament
Dr Karl Renner-Ring 3, A - 1017 Wien
Working Languages:
English, French, German, Italian, Russian

9:00 am **Registration of participants**

9:30 am **Opening speeches**

- Ms Barbara Prammer, Speaker of the Nationalrat, Austrian Parliament
- Mr Lluís Maria de Puig, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

Chairperson :
Mr Steingrímur Sigfússon, Chairperson of the PACE Committee
on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men

The parliamentary dimension of the Council of Europe campaign: what impact in the national parliaments?

10:00 am Reaching minimum standards to combat domestic violence: where do we stand?

- Evaluation of the impact of the Campaign in national parliaments, by Mr José Mendes Bota (Portugal, EPP/CD), PACE Rapporteur, and presentation of good practices by contact parliamentarians

11.00 am Discussion

Special focus of the parliamentary dimension of the campaign: involving men to combat violence against women

11:30 am Address by Mr Alfred Gusenbauer, Chancellor of the Republic of Austria

11:40 am Men in parliaments: what impact on combating domestic violence against women?

Panel of parliamentarians moderated by Mr Chris Green, Manager of the White Ribbon Campaign, United Kingdom

12 noon Discussion

12:50 pm Official group photo

1 pm *Buffet-lunch offered by Ms Barbara Prammer, Speaker of the Nationalrat, Austrian Parliament and Mr Lluís Maria de Puig, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe*

Combating domestic violence against women in national parliaments: how to proceed?

2.30 pm Keynote addresses by:

- Ms Nicola Duckworth, Director of Amnesty International's Europe and Central Asia Programme
- Ms Rosa Logar, Domestic Abuse Intervention Centre (Vienna, Austria) and Network of Women Against Violence in Europe (WAVE)
- Ms Gisela Wurm, Chairperson of the Austrian delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

3 pm Discussion

The role of parliamentarians in combating domestic violence against women in the Council of Europe: guidelines for future action

3.30 pm Addresses by:

- Ms Hilary Fisher, Chairperson of the Council of Europe Task Force to combat violence against women, including domestic violence
- Ms Carina Hägg, Chairperson of the PACE Sub-Committee on violence against women

4 pm Discussion

4.40 pm Adoption of the Vienna Declaration "parliaments act now to stop domestic violence!" presented by Mr Steingrímur Sigfússon

4.45 pm Closing addresses by:

- Mr Steingrímur Sigfússon, Chairperson of the Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men
- Ms Gisela Wurm, Chairperson of the Austrian delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly

5 pm End of the Final Conference