



Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development

"Parliaments united in combating sexual violence against children"

Programme

Extraordinary meeting of the Network of Contact Parliamentarians to stop sexual violence against children*

Theme:

"Taking the fight against sexual violence against children to the world – Sharing the European experience"

Wednesday, 13 November 2013, from 9 am to 4.30 pm

Headquarters of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)

La maison des parlements

5, chemin du Pommier, CH-1218 Le Grand-Saconnex / Geneva

Basement 2

Aims of the meeting

- Exchanging good practice with a view to stimulating legal and political action to stop sexual violence against children at European and international levels;
- Raising awareness amongst the international community of the importance of ratifying the Lanzarote Convention and of other measures possibly to be taken at European and international levels;
- Giving visibility to good practice of the Network of Contact Parliamentarians and sharing the European experience;
- Promoting Council of Europe standards and activities in the field of the fight against sexual abuse of children;
- Providing a substantial input to debates at international, European and national levels.

* The meeting is open to all.

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in English, French, German, Italian and Russian.

Programme

8.30 am Arrival and registration of participants

9 am Opening of the meeting by Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier, Chairperson of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development
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9.05 am Commercial sexual exploitation of children

With the participation of:

Ms Najat Maalla M'jid, United Nations Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography

Mr Hans Guyt, Director of Campaigns, Terre des Hommes–Netherlands

Discussion

10.15 am Coffee break

10.45 am Update on the Council of Europe ONE in FIVE Campaign

Ms Regína Jensdóttir, Head of Division and Programme co-ordinator, Children's Rights, DGI - Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe

Discussion

11.15 am How to break taboos surrounding sexual abuse of children

With the participation of:

Ms Stella Kyriakides, Cyprus, EPP/CD, PACE General Rapporteur on Children

Ms Sevinj Fataliyeva, Azerbaijan, EDG

Discussion

12 noon Lunch hosted by the Swiss delegation at the Restaurant “Chez Nina” (Rue Sonnex 17, 1218 Le Grand-Saconnex, Geneva)

2 pm How to break taboos surrounding sexual abuse of children (continued)

With the participation of:

Mr Johan van den Hout, Netherlands, SOC, Thematic Spokesperson on Children, Congress of Local and Regional Authorities

Ms Eleni Rapti, Greece, EPP/CD

Ms Martha Santos, Partnerships Manager, UNICEF

Discussion

3 pm Coffee break

3.30 pm Sexual violence against children in situations of war and conflict

With the participation of:

Mr Akiyo Afouda, Human Rights Programme Officer, Inter-Parliamentary Union
Ms Susanna Greijer, PhD, Department of Law, European University Institute

Discussion

4.30 pm End of the meeting

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