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1. Reports debated in 2016

1. Recent attacks against women in European cities: the need for honest reporting and a comprehensive response

Rapporteur: Mr Jonas Gunnarsson, Sweden, SOC

Following the debate in January 2016, the Assembly adopted Resolution 2093 (2016).

2. Systematic collection of data on violence against women

Rapporteur: Ms Maria Edera Spadoni, Italy, NR

Following the debate in January 2016, the Assembly adopted Resolution 2101 (2016).

2. Opinions debated in 2016

1. Request for partner for democracy status with the Parliamentary Assembly submitted by the Parliament of Jordan

Rapporteur for opinion: Mr Valeriu Ghilechi, Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD

Rapporteur of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy: Ms Josette Durrieu, France, SOC

Rapporteur for opinion of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights: Mr Jordi Xuclà, Spain, ALDE

Following the debate in January 2016, the Assembly adopted Resolution 2086 (2016).

2. Combating international terrorism while protecting Council of Europe standards and values

Rapporteur for opinion: Ms Gülsün Bilgehan, Turkey, SOC

Rapporteur of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy: Mr Tiny Kox, Netherlands, UEL

Rapporteur for opinion of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights: Mr Pierre-Yves Le Borgn', France, SOC

Following the debate in January 2016, the Assembly adopted Resolution 2090 (2016).

3. Tabled reports

To be debated during the April part-session 2016

1. Assessing the impact of measures to improve women's political representation

Rapporteur: Ms Elena Centemero, Italy, EPP/CD

- Origin: Motion for a Resolution, Doc. 13571, Ref 4079 of 03.10.2014
- Expiry date for adoption: 03.10.2016

Consideration in the Committee

Date and place	Document	Hearings with the participation of
20.03.2015 (Paris)	Outline for a report	Ms Réjane Sénac, CNRS Research Fellow, Chairperson of the Committee on Parity in politics, administration and in the economic and social life, High Gender Equality Council (France).
01.06.2015 (Paris)	Introductory memorandum	
10.09.2015 (Paris)		Ms Maria del Carmen Alanis Figueroa, member of the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission), Judge of the Supreme Electoral Tribunal (Mexico) and Ms Zeina Hilal, Programme Officer, Gender Partnership Programme, Interparliamentary Union.
January part-session 2016	Preliminary draft report	
11.03.2016 (Paris)	Draft report and draft resolution	

Fact-finding visits

Date	Place	Programme
10-11.11.2015	Stockholm (Sweden)	AS/Ega/Inf (2015) 16

2. Renewed commitment in the fight against antisemitism in Europe

Rapporteur: Mr Boriss Cilevičs, Latvia, SOC

Rapporteur for opinion of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy: Mr Titus Corlăţean, Romania, SOC

- Origin: Motion for a Resolution, Doc. 13751, Ref. 4127 of 24.04.2015
- Expiry date for adoption: 24.04.2017

Consideration in the Committee

Date and place	Document	Hearings with the participation of
October part-session 2015	Introductory memorandum	
02.12.2015 (Paris)	Information memorandum	Mr Henri Nickels, Head of Sector Equality, Equality and Citizens' Rights Department, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights, Vienna (Austria), Ms Cristina M. Finch, Head of the Tolerance and Non-Discrimination Department, ODIHR/OSCE, Warsaw (Poland) and Mr Vincent Tiberj, sociologist, Research Fellow at the Centre for European Studies of Sciences Po Paris, Professor at Sciences Po Bordeaux (France).
January part-session 2016	Preliminary draft report	
11.03.2016 (Paris)	Draft report and draft resolution	

4. Reports under preparation**1. The protection of the rights of parents and children belonging to religious minorities**

Rapporteur: Mr Valeriu Ghileţchi, Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD

- Origin: Motion for a Resolution, Doc. 13333, Ref. 4057 of 27.06.2014
- Expiry date for adoption: 27.06.2016

Consideration in the Committee

Date and place	Document	Hearings with the participation of
10.09.2015 (Paris)	Introductory memorandum	
02.12.2015 (Paris)	Information memorandum	

Fact-finding visits

Date	Place	Programme
04.05.2016	United Kingdom	

2. Promoting the inclusion of Roma and Travellers

Original title: Promoting Roma inclusion at the local level

Rapporteur: Mr Tobias Zech, Germany, EPP/CD

Former rapporteur: Mr Philipp Mißfelder, Germany, EPP/CD

- Origin: Motions for a Resolution, Doc. 13466 and Doc. 13576, Ref. 4102 of 26.01.2015
- Expiry date for adoption: 26.01.2017

Consideration in the Committee

Date and place	Document	Hearings with the participation of
January part-session 2016	Introductory memorandum	

Fact-finding visits

Date	Place	Programme
01-02.04.2016	Budapest (Hungary) and North-East border of Hungary	AS/Ega/Inf (2016) 07
	Bulgaria	

3. Guaranteeing equal rights and protecting women against violence in the armed forces

Rapporteur: Ms Maryvonne Blondin, France, SOC

- Origin: Motion for a Resolution, Doc. 13697, Ref. 4118 of 20.04.2015
- Expiry date for adoption: 20.04.2017

Consideration in the Committee

Date and place	Document	Hearings with the participation of
01.06.2015 (Paris)	Outline for a report	Ms Françoise Gaudin, Senior administrative officer in equality of rights at the Ministry of Defence, France.
October part-session 2015	Memorandum	
02.12.2015 (Paris)	Statement	Hearing on "Sexual violence in the French army" with the participation of Ms Julia Pascual, journalist, co-author of the book "La guerre invisible".

Fact-finding visits

Date	Place	Programme
22–23.10.2015	Oslo (Norway)	AS/Ega/Inf (2015) 13
23.02.2016	Brussels (Belgium)	AS/Ega/Inf (2016) 02

4. Female genital mutilation in Europe

Rapporteur: Ms Béatrice Fresko-Rolfo, Monaco, EPP/CD

Rapporteur for opinion of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development: Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier, Switzerland, SOC

- Origin: Motion for a Resolution, Doc. 13736, Ref. 4126 of 24.04.2015
- Expiry date for adoption: 24.04.2017

Consideration in the Committee

Date and place	Document	Hearings with the participation of
June part-session 2015	Outline for a report	Ms Naana Otoo-Oyortey, Executive Director of FORWARD (United Kingdom) and President of the Board of End FGM European Network (Belgium), and Dr Pierre Foldès, Surgeon, and Ms Frédérique Martz, Director, Reproductive Health Institute (ISG), St-Germain-en-Laye (France).
October part-session 2015	Memorandum	

Fact-finding visits

Date	Place	Programme
18.09.2015	Institut en Santé Génésique, St-Germain-en-Laye, Paris	
01-02.03.2016	London (United Kingdom)	AS/Ega (2016) 19

5. Ending cyberdiscrimination and online hate

Rapporteur: Ms Marit Majj, Netherlands, SOC

Rapporteur for opinion of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media: Mr Volodymyr Arieu, Ukraine, EPP/CD

- Origin: Motion for a Resolution, Doc. 13828, Ref. 4144 of 28.09.2015
- Expiry date for adoption: 28.09.2017

Consideration in the Committee

Date and place	Document	Hearings with the participation of
02.12.2015 (Paris)	Introductory memorandum	

6. Protecting refugee women from gender-based violence

Rapporteur: Ms Gisela Wurm, Austria, SOC

Rapporteur for opinion of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced persons: Ms Petra de Sutter, Belgium, SOC

- Origin: Motion for a Resolution, Doc.13890, Ref. 4161 of 30.09.2015
- Expiry date for adoption: 30.09.2017

7. Gender equality and child maintenance

Rapporteur: Ms Gisela Wurm, Austria, SOC

Rapporteur for opinion of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development: to be appointed

- Origin: Motion for a Resolution, Doc. 13892, Ref. 4162 of 30.09.2015
- Expiry date for adoption: 30.09.2017

8. The political rights of persons with disabilities: a democratic issue

Rapporteur: Ms Mechthild Rawert, Germany, SOC

- Origin: Motion for a Resolution, Doc. 13907, Ref. 4171 of 25.01.2016
- Expiry date for adoption: 25.01.2018

9. Women in public space: putting an end to sexual violence and street harassment

(Follow-up to Resolution 2093 (2016))

Rapporteur: to be appointed

Rapporteur for opinion of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media: to be appointed

- Origin: Ref. 4183 of 29.01.2016
- Expiry date for adoption: 29.01.2018

5. Opinions under preparation**1. Evaluation of the Partnership for Democracy in respect of the parliament of the Kyrgyz Republic**

(Follow-up to Resolution 1984 (2014))

Rapporteur for opinion: Ms Gülsün Bilgehan, Turkey, SOC

Rapporteur of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy: Mr Alain Destexhe, Belgium, ALDE

Rapporteur for opinion of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights: Mr Michael McNamara, Ireland, SOC

- Origin: Ref. 4045 of 11.04.2014
- Reference extended to 31.01.2017

2. Human Rights and ethical issues related to surrogacy

Rapporteur for opinion: Mr Pavlo Unguryan, Ukraine, EPP/CD

Rapporteur of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development: Ms Petra De Sutter, Belgium, SOC

- Origin: Ref. 4071 of 03.10.2014
- Expiry date for adoption: 03.10.2016

3. Evaluation of the Partnership for Democracy in respect of the Palestinian National Council

(Follow-up to Resolution 1969 (2014))

Rapporteur for opinion: Ms Marit Maij, Netherlands, SOC

Rapporteur of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy: Mr Jordi Xuclà, Spain, ALDE

Rapporteur for opinion of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights: Mr Şaban Dişli, Turkey, EPP/CD

- Origin: Ref. 4025 of 31.01.2015
- Expiry date for adoption: 31.01.2017

4. Preventing the radicalisation of children by fighting the root causes

Rapporteur for opinion: Ms Gabriella Heinrich, Germany, SOC

Rapporteur for report of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development:

Ms Sevinj Fataliyeva, Azerbaijan, EC

Rapporteur for opinion of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media: Sir Roger Gale, United Kingdom, EC

- Origin: Ref 4134 of 22.06.2015
- Expiry date for adoption: 22.06.2017

Consideration in the Committee

Date and place	Document	Hearings with the participation of
11.03.2016 (Paris)		Ms Véronique Roy, mother of a young man who converted, became radicalised to take part in the Jihad and died in Syria, Paris (France); and Ms Melanie Smith, Researcher & Coordinator at the Institute for Strategic Dialogue, London (United Kingdom).

6. Bureau of the Committee

Chairperson: Ms Elena Centemero, Italy, EPP/CD
 1st Vice-Chairperson: Ms Marit Maj, Netherlands, SOC
 2nd Vice-Chairperson: Ms Rózsa Hoffmann, Hungary, EPP/CD
 3rd Vice-Chairperson: Ms Maryvonne Blondin, France, SOC

7. General rapporteurs

General Rapporteur on violence against women: Ms Sahiba Gafarova, Azerbaijan, EC.

General Rapporteur on the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people (LGBTs): Mr Jonas Gunnarsson, Sweden, SOC.

General Rapporteur on combating racism and intolerance: Ms Milena Santerini, Italy, SOC.

8. Sub-committees

Sub-Committee on Gender Equality

Chairperson: Ms Maria Edera Spadoni, Italy, NR

Vice-Chairperson: Mr Jonas Gunnarsson, Sweden, SOC

Sub-Committee on the Rights of Minorities

Chairperson: Mr Viorel Riceard Badea, Romania, EPP/CD

Vice-Chairperson: Mr Damien Thiéry, Belgium ALDE

Sub-Committee on Disability and Inclusion

Chairperson: Ms Snežana Jonica, Montenegro, SOC

Vice-Chairperson: Ms Carmen Quintanilla, Spain, EPP/CD

9. Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence

List of members: AS/Ega/Network/list (2016) 01

Website:

http://www.assembly.coe.int//main.asp?link=http://www.assembly.coe.int/Communication/Campaign/DomesticViolence/Newdefault_EN.asp

Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Parliamentary-Network-Women-Free-from-Violence/521837241177461>

On the basis of Resolution 1635 and Recommendation 1847 (2008) on “Combating violence against women”, the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination animates the Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence.

This Network is a *sui generis* structure, composed of contact parliamentarians from national, observer and partner for democracy delegations to the Assembly. In 2011, following the opening for signature of the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (CETS No. 210), the Network decided that its main objective would be encouraging further signatures and ratifications of this instrument, so that it can enter into force as soon as possible. Following the entry into force of the Convention in August 2014, the Network continues to promote its ratification and to develop activities linked to its implementation.

The Network is chaired by the General Rapporteur on violence against women, who acts as its Political Co-ordinator.

Meetings

Date and place	Hearings
11.03.2016, Paris (France)	Exchange of views with Ms Feride Acar, President of the Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (GREVIO), and members of GREVIO.
14.03.2016, New-York (United States)	In co-operation with the European Parliament, side-event on the role of parliamentarians in combating violence against women on the occasion of the 60 th session of the Commission on the Status of Women of the United Nations.
13.03.2016, The Hague (Netherlands)	Regional conference on the Istanbul Convention.
12.05.2016, Berlin (Germany)	Joint meeting of the Network and the Sub-Committee on Gender Equality.

10. No Hate Parliamentary Alliance

In follow-up to the Assembly Resolution 1967 (2014) on “A strategy to prevent racism and intolerance in Europe”, the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination has proposed setting up the No Hate Parliamentary Alliance.

The Alliance was officially launched on 29 January 2015 in Strasbourg. It is composed of parliamentarians, members of the Parliamentary Assembly, who commit to taking open, firm and pro-active stands against racism, hatred and intolerance on whatever grounds and however they manifest themselves. Their commitment is formalised by signing the Charter of commitments for membership in the Alliance.

The main activities of the Alliance are conducted at national level. Its members commit to:

- raise awareness against racism and intolerance amongst politicians and civil society;
- promote the respect of equality, non-discrimination and respect for diversity, as grounded in the European Convention on Human Rights and its Protocols;
- exchange information on law and best practice in preventing and combating racism, hatred and intolerance with parliamentarians from other countries;
- support and participate in the work of the national committees of the Council of Europe "No Hate Speech Movement."

The Alliance is coordinated by the General Rapporteur on combating racism and intolerance, who is supported by the Bureau of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination.

Meetings

Date and place	Hearings
04.04.2016, Rome (Italy)	National Seminar of the Alliance
08.09.2016, Paris (France)	National Seminar of the Alliance
18.05.2016, Stockholm (Sweden)	Meeting of the Alliance on anti-Gypsism

11. Meetings in 2016

	Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination	Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence	Sub-Committee on Gender Equality	No Hate Parliamentary Alliance
Strasbourg	January part-session 2016 (25-29.01.2016), April part-session 2016 (18-22.04.2016), June part-session 2016 (20-24.06.2016), October part-session 2016 (10-14.10.2016)	April part-session 2016 (18-22.04.2016)		
Berlin		12.05.2016	12.05.2016	
Stockholm	17.05.2016			18.05.2016 morning
Paris	11.03.2016, 09.09.2016, 05.12.2016.	11.03.2016		

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