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Joint workshop
Committee of Women's Rights and Gender Equality
Committee on Foreign Affairs in association with DMAG
Committee on Development
Sub committee on Human Rights

***The role of women in the democratisation process and governance changes
in North Africa and the Middle East societies***

20 June 2011, 15:30 - 18:30

Room: ASP 3 G 3

Draft Programme

- 15:30 - 15:35 Introductory remarks by a member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs (moderator) **TBC**
- 15.35 - 15:45 **State of play on the implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) in North Africa and the Middle East.**
- Prof. C. Flintermann*, honorary professor of human rights, former member of the UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women.
- 15:45 - 17:00 **Enhancing Women's political participation: a key condition for a successful institutional transformation and democratisation.**
- Women emerged as key players in Arab spring. They were at the forefront of the popular movement. The panel will discuss women participation in the management of the transition, where already on track, and how to ensure in the context of new constitutions full participation and representation of women at all level in the political institutions.*

Sana Ben Achour, Chair of "Association Tunisienne des Femmes Démocrates" (Tunisia) tbc

Salwa Fawzia El-Deghali, Member of the National Transitional Council of Libya (Libya)

Gameela Ismael, journalist and Fonder Member of El-Gad party, or tbc

16:30 - 16:55

Q&A session

16:55 - 17:00

Concluding remarks by **Heidi Hautala** Chair of the Sub Committee on Human Right.

17:00 -17:05

Introductory remarks by Vice-Chair of the Committee on Development (moderator) TBC

17:05 - 17.35

Advancing Women's economic statute as a key factor in Arab human development and governance changes

"Gender inequality is one of the most significant obstacles to human development in the Arab region. Despite the legal guarantees for women's right for political and economic participation, stereotypical gender roles are deeply entrenched, limiting women's employment and decision-making opportunities, which are still the lowest in the world" (extract from UNDP website).

Soraya Badrawi, President of "Association des femmes chefs d'entreprises du Maroc" (AFEM)

Nadereh Chamlou Senior Advisor at the World Bank's Middle East and North Africa Region for Knowledge and Economic and Sector Work.

Outi Karkkainen, Administrator in the Unit Maghreb and Mashrek, European Training Foundation, on access and participation of women in education, training and employment.

17.35- 18.05

Q&A session

18:05 - 18:15

General Conclusions by *Rodi Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou*, Vice-President of the European Parliament and member of the Women's Rights and Gender Equality Committee.