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NOTES FROM THE CHAIR Mikael Gustafsson

At the last committee meeting before the summer break we will get an opportunity to discuss the priorities of the Cyprus Presidency in the field of gender equality. We are of course particularly interested in the advancement of negotiations on the

Maternity leave Directive, but also to learn about any initiatives in the field of violence against women, and on how women's social, political and economic positions can be strengthened, especially in these times of economic turmoil. The committee will vote on two own-initiative reports: *Women's working conditions in the service sector* and *The role of women in the green economy*, as well as an opinion on *Establishing a financing instrument for development cooperation*. In our common meeting with the LIBE committee we will vote on the text negotiated and agreed with the Council on the *Victims' Rights Directive*. As it is soon time for some break from the parliamentary work, I would like to take the opportunity to extend a warm 'thank you' to all my colleagues in the committee for their work, and for the collaboration we are building for the reinforcement of the women's rights agenda in the EU and all around the world. I am very happy that this is taking place in a close cooperation with the civil society and different social actors who are struggling for gender equality. And last, but not least a special thank to the FEMM secretariat, staff and assistants who are doing a tremendous job. Thank you all for your commitment and efforts!

10 JULY – MEETING AGENDA IN BRIEF

- ⌚ Exchange of views with the Cyprus Presidency - Loucas Louca, Minister of Justice and Public Order and Sotiroula Charalambous, Minister of Labour and Social Insurance
- ⌚ Eliminating gender stereotypes in the EU-consideration of draft report
- ⌚ The sexualisation of girls - consideration of draft report
- ⌚ Prevention of age-related diseases of women - consideration of draft report
- ⌚ Establishing the Rights and Citizenship Programme 2014 - 2020 - consideration of draft opinion
- ⌚ Programme for the Competitiveness of Enterprises and small and medium-sized

enterprises (2014 - 2020) - consideration of draft opinion

- ⌚ The EU 2011 Report on Policy Coherence for Development - consideration of draft opinion
- ⌚ General budget of the European Union for the financial year 2013 - all sections - exchange of views

THE COMMITTEE WILL VOTE ON

- ⌚ The role of women in the green economy - adoption of draft report
- ⌚ Women's working conditions in the service sector - adoption of draft report
- ⌚ Establishing a financing instrument for development cooperation - adoption of draft opinion
- ⌚ Minimum standards on the rights, support and protection of victims of crime - adoption of draft report

Date: Tuesday, 10 July, 9.00-12.30 & 15.00-18.30

Venue: Altiero Spinelli building, Room 1G2, Brussels

Live web streaming of the meeting [here](#).

EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH THE CYPRUS PRESIDENCY

The exchange of views with Loucas Louca, [Minister](#) of Justice and Public Order and Sotiroula Charalambous, [Minister](#) of Labour and Social Insurance takes place in the context of the by the incoming Presidency's traditional presentation of its [programme and priorities](#) in the committee's area of responsibility.



PREVENTION OF AGE-RELATED DISEASES OF WOMEN

Consideration of draft report

Rapporteur: **Roberta Angelilli** (EPP)



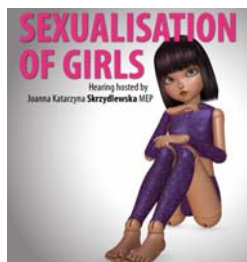
The draft report takes account of the gender-related differences of diseases associated with ageing, such as cardiovascular illnesses, different forms of cancer, diabetes, neurodegenerative diseases and osteoporosis. The Rapporteur emphasises the need for equal access to health care services and also makes suggestions concerning the required research and preventive measures.

THE SEXUALISATION OF GIRLS

Consideration of draft report

Rapporteur: **Joanna Katarzyna Skrzydlewska** (EPP)

The phenomenon of sexualisation is manifested in various areas: sexualisation of products for girls such as clothes and toys, in entertainment for children and adults (movies, TV, internet, music, press) as well as in advertisements. Sexualisation increases sexism and undermines the role of women with an impact on the image of women in the professional world. The [draft report](#) aims to sensitise public authorities on the issue and develop concrete strategies against this phenomenon.



ELIMINATING GENDER STEREOTYPES IN THE EU

Consideration of draft report

Rapporteur: **Kartika Tamara Liotard** (GUE/NGL)

In order to achieve gender equality the issue of stereotypes needs to be addressed and the committee therefore decided to [draft a report](#) on the issue. The Rapporteur looks at gender stereotypes in media and education, on the labour market, and decision making and gives suggestions for EU actions. The long term aim is to reduce the prevalence of negative gender stereotypes which affect women and men and constrain their opportunities and choices.



MINIMUM STANDARDS ON THE RIGHTS, SUPPORT AND PROTECTION OF VICTIMS OF CRIME

Joint LIBE-FEMM meeting

Adoption of draft report

Rapporteur in FEMM: **Antonyia Parvanova** (ALDE)

Rapporteur in LIBE: **Teresa Jiménez-Becerril Barrio** (EPP)

Following the adoption of the negotiation mandate on 27 March on the [draft report](#) on the minimum standards on the rights, support and protection of victims of crime, negotiations have been held with Council and the Commission on this dossier. A provisional overall compromise text was agreed in the last trilogue held on 13 June, which was also endorsed by the Permanent Representatives Committee on 20 June. Members of the LIBE and FEMM committees will now have the final vote on the text as modified following the compromise reached, which will be adopted in the Plenary in September.

Date: 11 July 2012, 15.00-15.30

Venue: József Antall building, Room 2Q2, Brussels

ESTABLISHING THE RIGHTS AND CITIZENSHIP PROGRAMME 2014 - 2020

Consideration of draft opinion

Draftsperson: **Regina Bastos** (EPP)

The Commission's proposal for the next multiannual financial period aims at simplification and rationalisation of the existing complex structures of multiple programmes. The [Rights and Citizenship Programme](#) is proposed as the successor of three current programmes, which from the gender equality point of view, will cover the current Daphne Programme as well as the gender equality part of the PROGRESS programme. As an associated committee, FEMM prepares its [draft opinion](#) to the LIBE committee's report in this procedure.



PROGRAMME FOR THE COMPETITIVENESS OF ENTERPRISES AND SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED ENTERPRISES (2014 - 2020)

Consideration of draft opinion

Draftsperson: **Marina Yannakoudakis** (ECR)



Within SMEs the contribution made by women has yet to reach its full potential and further work is needed to ensure that women's participation in this field improves. Increasing gender equality in business requires a multi-faceted approach which puts forward best practice recommendations that offer choice, flexibility and opportunity for women, as it is also reflected in the [draft opinion](#).

THE EU 2011 REPORT ON POLICY COHERENCE FOR DEVELOPMENT

Consideration of draft opinion

Draftsperson: **Andrea Češková** (ECR)



FEMM committee decided to [draft an opinion](#) to the draft report of the DEVE committee, which is linked to the Commission's bi-annual [monitoring report](#) on the progress made by the EU and its Member States in making their policies more coherent with development cooperation objectives. The draft opinion highlights the issues of maternal deaths in developing countries, the rights of the girl child and sexual violence and feminicide.

BUDGET FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2013

Consideration of draft budgetary amendments

Draftsperson: **Mary Honeyball** (S&D)

FEMM committee adopted its opinion on the Commission's draft budget for 2013 on 30 May, which was transmitted to BUDG committee and was incorporated in the EP resolution on the mandate for the trilogue on the 2013 draft budget. Now the

committee will discuss the figures and remarks to next year's budget proposed by the drafts person. Members will then have an opportunity to table further budgetary amendments.

WOMEN'S WORKING CONDITIONS IN THE SERVICE SECTOR

Adoption of draft report

Rapporteur: **Iratxe García Pérez** (S&D)

The committee discussed the [draft report](#) and the [107 amendments](#) tabled at its previous meeting. Based on that discussion, the Rapporteur proposed compromise amendments, with the aim to ensure a broad support to the report in the light of the upcoming vote.

THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN THE GREEN ECONOMY

Adoption of draft report

Rapporteur: **Mikael Gustafsson** (GUE/NGL)

After the discussion of the [69 amendments](#) tabled to the [original text](#), the Rapporteur proposed compromise amendments in order to integrate different elements and give more emphasis to the new ideas introduced by the amendments. Members will now vote on the draft report and the amendments.

ESTABLISHING A FINANCING INSTRUMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION

Adoption of draft opinion

Drafts person: **Rodi Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou** (EPP)

The drafts person presented the [draft opinion](#) at the previous committee meeting. Following the discussion Members tabled [64 amendments](#). The committee will now vote on the original text and the amendments and the final opinion will be sent to the [DEVE](#) committee.

SAKHAROV PRIZE LAUREATE LEYLA ZANA

Joint hearing DROI-FEMM



FEMM committee, jointly with the [Sub-committee on Human Rights](#), in association with the [delegation to the EU-Turkey Joint Parliamentary Committee](#) will hold an exchange of views with Parliament's [Sakharov Prize](#) winner Leyla Zana, the first female

Kurdish MP. This discussion provides an opportunity to have a better understanding of not only Ms Zana's personal situation as human rights defender but also on the situation in her country. European Parliament awarded Leyla Zana the Sakharov Prize in 1995 but she was only able to collect it nine years later, after her release from prison.

Date: 11 July 2012, 9.00-10.00

Venue: József Antall building, Room 6Q2, Brussels

Details of the next meeting

3 September, 15.00 - 18.30, Brussels