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Interparliamentary committee meeting of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality,

**on the occasion of the International Day for the
Elimination of Violence against Women (November 25)**

Eliminating Violence against Women

30 November 2021

**European Parliament, Brussels
Building SPAAK 1A2
and remotely (for national parliaments and expert speakers)**

Welcoming words by:

Evelyn Regner, Chair of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

Opening remarks by:

David Sassoli, President of the European Parliament - video message

Iva Dimic, Deputy Chair of the Women Parliamentarians Club (WPC) of the Slovenian National Assembly

09:00-11:00 *Session I - Sexual violence as a weapon of war*

(Jointly with Subcommittee on Human Rights)

- **Pramila Patten**, UN Special Representative of the Secretary General on Sexual Violence in Conflict - video message
- **Alicia Cebada Romero**, Professor in Public International Law and International Relations, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid
- **Julienne Lusenge**, co-founder and President of Female Solidarity for Integrated Peace and Development (SOFEPADI) and director of the Congolese Women's Fund (FFC)
- **Jessica Horn**, Regional Director of East Africa, Ford Foundation

Exchange of views

11:00-12:00 Session II - Combating violence against women and girls with disabilities

- **Magda Szarota**, Disability and human rights researcher and advocate
- **Ana Peláez Narváez**, Vice-Chair of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women of United Nations; Vice-President of the European Disability Forum, and Executive Vice-President of CERMI Women's Foundation

Exchange of views

13:45 - 15:45 Session III - Cyberviolence

(Jointly with Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs)

- **Michela Palladino**, Safety Policy Manager – EMEA, Meta (formerly Facebook)
- **dr. Zuzanna Warso**, human rights expert, member of the Women's Rights Group by the Polish Bar Council, Senior Research Analyst at Trilateral Research
- **Josephine Ballon**, Head of Legal at HateAid
- **Asha Allen**, Center for Democracy and Technology (CDT)

Exchange of views

16:45 - 18:45 Session IV: The Istanbul Convention

(Jointly with Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs)

- **Leonie Steinl**, Lawyer
- **Iris Luarasi**, President of GREVIO (Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence)
- **Katrin Hugendubel**, Advocacy Director, ILGA-Europe
- **Enikő Pap**, Legal expert of NANE Women's Rights Association (Hungary)

Exchange of views

- presentation of the Spotlight Initiative by **Erin Kenny**, Head of the Spotlight Initiative Technical Unit, UN

Closing remarks by:

Roberta Metsola, Vice-President of the European Parliament, responsible for relations with EU national parliaments

Evelyn Regner, Chair of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

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