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OPINION

of the Committee on Culture and Education

for the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

on 'Equality between women and men – 2008'
(2008/2047(INI))

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SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on Culture and Education calls on the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions in its motion for a resolution:

1. Believes that if gender stereotypes are to be banished from the media and egalitarian behaviour models fostered in industry and in the home, the right values will need to be inculcated through schooling, starting at an early age;
2. Recommends that Member States actively promote equal treatment of pupils and take steps to combat the segregation of work still existing in the education sector, in which the percentage of women teachers at the preschool and primary levels is well above the percentage in secondary education, a more markedly male preserve with more to offer in terms of recognition, pay, and social status;
3. Proposes that the Commission consider adopting measures to encourage women to study scientific and technological subjects, so as to increase the supply of professionals in the corresponding sector and meet the manifest demand;
4. Calls for every form of gender-related wage discrimination to be eradicated from education, cultural, sports, and communication circles, and considers the female dominance of part-time and temporary work to give cause for concern inasmuch as it proves that reconciling work, family life, and education depends essentially on women; calls, therefore, on the Member States to improve the publicly supported network of care services for dependants and education services for children so as to enable both men and women to bring work, family life, and education more readily into balance, thereby encouraging an egalitarian distribution of familiar tasks and increasing the proportion of women engaged in lifelong learning and employed in high-level jobs;
5. Calls for steps to be taken to enable more women to serve in management bodies, especially in fields in which gender factors are preventing balanced representation;
6. Calls on the Member States to encourage the population as a whole to play sports and lead healthy lives, bearing in mind that, where sport is concerned, women's participation rates are lower.

RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE

Date adopted	24.6.2008
Result of final vote	+: 29 -: 2 0: 0
Members present for the final vote	Maria Badia i Cutchet, Katerina Batzeli, Ivo Belet, Giovanni Berlinguer, Nicodim Bulzesc, Marielle De Sarnez, Marie-Hélène Descamps, Jolanta Dičkutė, Milan Gaľa, Claire Gibault, Vasco Graça Moura, Christopher Heaton-Harris, Luis Herrero-Tejedor, Ruth Hieronymi, Mikel Irujo Amezaga, Ramona Nicole Mănescu, Manolis Mavrommatis, Ljudmila Novak, Dumitru Oprea, Zdzisław Zbigniew Podkański, Mihaela Popa, Christa Prets, Pál Schmitt, Hannu Takkula, Helga Trüpel, Thomas Wise
Substitute(s) present for the final vote	Victor Boștinăru, Mary Honeyball, Elisabeth Morin, Ewa Tomaszewska, Cornelis Visser