

NOTES FROM THE CHAIR



In the beginning of this month I had the privilege to lead the FEMM committee delegation that visited the Palestinian Territory and Israel. We had the opportunity to meet with ministers, officials and NGOs dealing with women's rights and gender equality issues and listen to their testimonies on the current conflict situation and its impact on women in particular. The visit gave us a striking narrative of how women fight to cope with their daily challenges alongside a deep-rooted, long-term conflict. It was clear that for sustainable peace, women's equal representation and full participation in the peace negotiations and reconciliation process is required. This is not only the case in Palestine but all other ongoing conflicts around the world. The committee will vote on a report on Women's situation in war at its next meeting. It is my hope that the adoption of this report, hand in hand with the two existing UN resolutions 1325 and 1888, will highlight the impact of armed conflict on women and girls and contribute to a greater understanding of women's role in implementing peace building strategies and the gender dimensions of creating long-term peace.

Mikael Gustafsson

21-22 NOVEMBER – MEETING AGENDA IN BRIEF

- ⌚ Exchange of views with Ms Hababi Sorabi, governor of Bamyan, Afghanistan*
- ⌚ Euromapping 2011 report - presentation*
- ⌚ The Daphne programme: achievements and future prospects - consideration of draft report
- ⌚ Exchange of views with Members of the French National Assembly on the mission report on prostitution in France

* Joint meeting with DEVE

THE COMMITTEE WILL VOTE ON

- ⌚ Women's situation in war - adoption of draft report
- ⌚ The Statute for a European cooperative society with regard to the involvement of employees - adoption of draft opinion
- ⌚ A corporate governance framework for European companies - adoption of amendments
- ⌚ European Parliament recommendation to the Council on the modalities for the possible establishment of a European Endowment for Democracy (EDD) - adoption of amendments

- ⌚ EU Citizenship Report 2010: Dismantling the obstacles to EU citizens' rights - adoption of amendments

Date: Monday, 21 November, 15.00 - 18.30

Tuesday, 22 November 9.00 - 12.30

Venue: Altiero Spinelli 3E-2, Brussels

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

EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH MS HABABI SORABI, GOVERNOR OF BAMYAN, AFGHANISTAN

Joint meeting with DEVE in association with AFET



Members of the FEMM, DEVE and AFET committees will have a chance to exchange views with the first female Governor in Afghanistan. Dr Sorabi was appointed by President Karzai in 2004 as Governor of Bamyan.

EUROMAPPING 2011 REPORT

Presentation - Joint meeting with DEVE

Mr Neil Datta and Ms Karen Hoehn from the [European Parliamentary Forum on Population and Development](#) will present the 2011 [Euromapping report](#). The report has been compiled with the hope to contribute to improving the health conditions, services and information for those most in need. The report notes that the European share of Official Development Assistance relating to population assistance has decreased over the past year.

THE DAPHNE PROGRAMME: ACHIEVEMENTS AND FUTURE PROSPECTS

Consideration of draft report



The draft report is drawn up ahead of laying down the new multiannual financial framework, in order to emphasise the importance of the [Daphne Programme](#) and the role it has played in fighting violence against women in the European Union. The Rapporteur reminds that the objectives and the financing of the programme should be maintained for the period of 2014-2020. Furthermore the draft report invites the Commission to resolve the specific issues mentioned in the [report on the interim evaluation](#) of the Daphne Programme.

Rapporteur: **Regina Bastos (EPP)**

Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality is responsible for:

- Definition, promotion and protection of women's rights in the Union and related Community measures;
- The promotion of women's rights in third countries;
- Equal opportunities policy, including equality between men and women with regard to labour market opportunities and treatment at work;
- The removal of all forms of discrimination based on sex;
- The implementation and further development of gender mainstreaming in all policy sectors;
- The follow-up and implementation of international agreements and conventions involving the rights of women;
- Information policy on women.

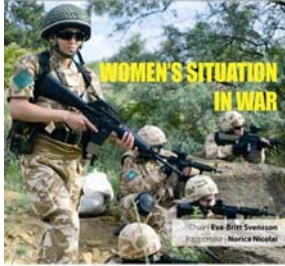
THE MISSION REPORT ON PROSTITUTION IN FRANCE

Exchange of views with Members of the French National Assembly

Members will have the opportunity to exchange of views on the [mission report on prostitution](#) in France with Ms Danièle Bousquet, Chairperson and Mr Guy Geoffroy, Member of the [Constitutional Acts, Legislation and General Administration Committee](#) of the French National Assembly.

WOMEN'S SITUATION IN WAR

Adoption of draft report



At the previous committee meeting the Members had the opportunity to discuss the [111 amendments](#) tabled to the [draft report](#). As a result of the discussion, the Rapporteur proposed further compromise amendments in order to reach the

broadest possible consensus for the vote at this meeting.

Rapporteur: **Norica Nicolai** (ALDE)

THE STATUTE FOR A EUROPEAN COOPERATIVE SOCIETY WITH REGARD TO THE INVOLVEMENT OF EMPLOYEES

Adoption of draft opinion

Following the discussion of the [draft opinion](#) to the report of the [EMPL committee](#) on the Statute for a European cooperative society with regard to the involvement of employees, Members tabled [13 amendments](#). The committee will now vote on the draft opinion and the amendments and the final text will be sent to the EMPL committee.

Draftsperson: **Edite Estrela** (S&D)

A CORPORATE GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK FOR EUROPEAN COMPANIES

Adoption of amendments



The [JURI committee](#) drafted an [INI report](#) linked to the Green Paper of the Commission on an EU corporate governance framework. The aim of the Green Paper is to look at corporate governance including ways of improving the gender balance on company boards. Therefore the FEMM committee decided

to adopted gender mainstreaming amendments to be tabled directly to the lead committee.

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT RECOMMENDATION TO THE COUNCIL ON THE MODALITIES FOR THE POSSIBLE ESTABLISHMENT OF A EUROPEAN ENDOWMENT FOR DEMOCRACY (EDD)

Adoption of amendments

The [AFET committee](#) is preparing a draft report proposing recommendations to the Council on the modalities for the possible establishment of a [European Endowment for Democracy \(EDD\)](#), which shall be a new tool proposed by the Polish Presidency to support democracy in the EU external actions and political actors striving for democratic change in their countries. Since protection of human rights including women's rights is one of the key objectives to establish the European Endowment for Democracy and women's rights are taken into account in its background documents, the FEMM committee will adopt relevant gender mainstreaming amendments which will be tabled directly to the main committee.

EU CITIZENSHIP REPORT 2010: DISMANTLING THE OBSTACLES TO EU CITIZENS' RIGHTS

Adoption of amendments

The [PETI committee](#) is drafting a report, which will analyse different issues contained in the Commission's publication on [EU Citizenship Report 2010 - Dismantling the obstacles to EU citizens' rights](#). The FEMM committee decided to get involved in the work, via adopting and tabling gender mainstreaming amendments which are linked to the actions with explicit gender relevance.

PLENARY FOLLOW-UP OF FEMM REPORTS



- Situation of single mothers - adoption of the [EP resolution](#) - 25.10.2011

Details of the next meeting

Monday, 19 December 15.00 - 18.30

Tuesday, 20 December 9.00 - 12.30

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