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## **GENDER EQUALITY EXPERT CONF/GEE(2012)REPORT2**

Strasbourg, June 2013

**Overview of activities: Gender Equality Expert (GEE)**  
at the Standing Committee of the International Non-Governmental Organisations (INGO)  
Conference at the Council of Europe (COE), Strasbourg, France.

Report by Betty Doornenbal, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

### SEPTEMBER

- Writing my Midterm report January till September 2012 "Overview of activities of the GEE"
- In cooperation with the COE INGO colleagues, it is published on the website
- Preparing the October meetings.

### OCTOBER

#### 6 October

- ❖ **Attending the meetings of the Standing Committee of the INGO Conference of the COE, Strasbourg**

#### 6 – 10 October

- ❖ **Attending the meetings of the World Forum for Democracy 2012, organised by the INGO Conference, Strasbourg**

Link: [www.coe.int/ingo/events](http://www.coe.int/ingo/events) the following reports are available on this website:

Report of the session on "Inclusive democracy and human rights"

Report of the session on "Building inclusive democracy through media"

Report of the session on "Building inclusive democracy with women"

- ❖ **Attending the meetings of the World Forum for Democracy 2012, organised by the Council of Europe, Strasbourg**

Link: [www.coe.int/en/web/world-forum-democracy](http://www.coe.int/en/web/world-forum-democracy)

## 14 – 17 NOVEMBER

### ❖ **Participant of the Gender Equality Commission (GEC) of the Committee of Ministers of the COE, Strasbourg (Second meeting).**

General goal of the GEC: to advise the Committee of Ministers on a Council of Europe Strategy on Gender Equality (2014-2017)

Summary of contribution as GEE:

Stressing the importance of:

- The implementation of treaties and policies through working with Ingo's.
- Establishing sustainable gender equality by focussing on constructing "self working mechanisms" in treaties and laws etc..

The ratification of the COE Convention on "preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (2011, Istanbul, Turkey).

Short and excellent first ad hoc meeting with Mr Mendes Bota, General Rapporteur on Violence Against Women, Parliamentary Assembly – Council of Europe.

Subjects:

-Violence against women in general

-A university in Spain publishes on a regular basis the cases of violence against women in Spain in order to make this violence visible

## DECEMBER

- Writing this annual report.
- Preparing the meetings of the Standing Committee & the INGO Conference of January 2013.