



Prague, 16 November 2017

GENDER EQUALITY COMMISSION (GEC)

**12th meeting
Prague, 15-16 November 2017**

List of items discussed and decisions taken Abridged Report

The Gender Equality Commission (GEC), chaired by Eva Fehringer (Austria):

1. adopted its agenda as set out in the Appendix to the present abridged report.
2. re-elected for one year Eva Fehringer (Austria) as its Chairperson, and Charles Ramsden (United Kingdom) as its Vice-Chairperson by acclamation.
3. took note of document GEC(2017)6 – Draft 2017 Annual Report of the implementation of the Gender Equality Strategy 2014-2017 and adopted it, as amended, and agreed to transmit it to the Committee of Ministers.
4. took note of document GEC(2017)2 Revised 3 – Gender Equality Strategy 2018-2023, as amended, and agreed to transmit it to the Committee of Ministers for adoption. One delegation (the Russian Federation) expressed its dissenting opinion on the strategy.
5. welcomed the work carried out in the second meeting of the Drafting Committee preparing the Committee of Ministers recommendation to prevent and combat sexism and took note of the meeting report, as presented by its Chairperson in document GEC(2017)7. The GEC looked forward to continuing the discussion on this item at its next meeting.
6. took note of developments in the member states in relation to the ratification and implementation of the Istanbul Convention.
7. agreed to promote the results of the analytical report of the third round of monitoring the implementation of CM Recommendation Rec(2003)3 on balanced participation of women and men in political and public decision-making in the member states.

8. instructed the Secretariat to finalise and publish the factsheet on balanced participation of women and men in political and public decision-making. The GEC members were asked to send in any comments/amendments by 30 November 2017.
9. took note of the presentation made by the Secretariat on progress on gender mainstreaming in the different sectors of the Council of Europe.
10. took note of the 6th edition of the information document 'Gender Mainstreaming activities at the Council of Europe', as well as the 5th edition of the Gender Equality Newsletter
11. took note of the appointment of Ambassador Keith McBean (Ireland), Chairperson of the Rapporteur Group on Human Rights (GR-H) as the Focal Point on Gender Equality of the Committee of Ministers.
12. took note of the reports by the representatives of Bulgaria, Estonia and Malta about their respective Presidencies of the Council of the European Union.
13. took note of the information given about events at which members of the GEC and the Secretariat participated since the previous GEC meeting.
14. took note of the reports from the Czech Republic and Denmark representatives about their respective Committee of Ministers' Chairmanship. The GEC further noted the information from the representative of Denmark about the forthcoming conference to launch the Gender Equality Strategy 2018-2023 which will take place in Copenhagen 3 and 4 May 2018.
15. took note of the presentations by the Czech Republic and Germany during the thematic discussion on the situation of migrant women and families.
16. agreed to include in the agenda of the next meetings, thematic discussions by member states on men/boys and gender equality (Denmark, Iceland), women in sports (Croatia, Iceland), gender equality and youth (Malta).
17. took note of the information provided by Denmark and Iceland about plans to organise a Barbershop event at the Council of Europe in 2018.
18. adopted the abridged report of the 12th meeting of the Gender Equality Commission (15-16 November 2017) and agreed to transmit it to the Committee of Ministers.

Appendix

Agenda

- I.** Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda
- II.** Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson
- III.** Council of Europe Transversal Programme on Gender Equality
 - 1.** Draft Gender Equality Strategy 2018-2023
 - 2.** Gender Equality Strategy 2014-2017
- IV.** Thematic discussions
- V.** Co-operation with international/regional organisations
- VI.** Events attended by GEC members, experts and the Secretariat
- VII.** Current and future activities at national level and at international level
- VIII.** Other business
- IX.** Items for the agenda of the next meeting
- X.** Adoption of the abridged report of the 12th GEC meeting (15-16 November 2017)