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**STEERING COMMITTEE FOR EQUALITY
BETWEEN WOMEN AND MEN - CDEG
4th meeting
(Strasbourg, 3-5 February 1993)**

List of points discussed and decisions taken

1. The Steering Committee for Equality between Women and Men held its 4th meeting from 3 to 5 February 1993, in Strasbourg. The list of participants and the agenda appear in Appendices I and II respectively.
2. The Committee expressed concern about the rape of women in the territory of former Yugoslavia and adopted a Message for the attention of the Committee of Ministers¹.
3. The Committee examined the state of preparations for the 3rd European Ministerial Conference on Equality between Women and Men, adopted a draft Declaration and agreed to decide on those questions left in abeyance once the date and place of the Conference were known.

¹ Following this message, the Committee of Ministers adopted a Declaration on this subject at its 488th (February 1993) meeting.

The detailed report of this meeting (doc. CDEG (93)9) can be obtained from the Directorate of Human Rights.

4. On the question of implementing activities foreseen for the 1993 Programme, the CDEG decided on its contribution to the Project I.1 "Human rights and genuine democracy", on the continuation of the work of the Group of Specialists on the elaboration of a Fundamental Right of Women and Men to Equality (EG-S-DH), and the direction of the work of the Group of Specialists on Action against the Traffic in Women and Forced Prostitution (EG-S-TP). The Secretariat informed the Committee of the steps being taken to ensure that a specialist could be made available in the Council of Europe with responsibility for co-ordinating the work necessary for the establishment and running of the European Observatory on Equality between Women and Men.

5. The CDEG took note of the invitation issued by the expert from Bulgaria to hold an International Workshop on the Problems of Equality in the Transition Period in Central and East Europe in Sofia during the second half of 1993. The Committee asked the Committee of Ministers to authorise the holding of this Seminar in Sofia, on the understanding that the Council of Europe would bear the expenses of an expert from the following countries - Bulgaria, Hungary and Poland, as well as from those non-member States which are currently beneficiaries of the Council of Europe's co-operation and assistance programmes.

6. As for the activities that might be undertaken in 1994, the Committee confirmed its intention of co-operating with the CDMG to organise a Seminar on "Migration and Cultural Identity -Implications for Equality between women and men" in 1994, and agreed to appoint its representatives for the joint preparatory committee CDEG-CDMG later. It also decided to set up a group consisting of members of the Bureau plus three other members to prepare - subject to the consent of the Committee of Ministers - a European Conference on "Equality and Democracy", which would be the Council of Europe's contribution to the 4th World Conference on Women (Beijing, 4-15 September 1995). The CDEG was also given information on the preparatory aspects of the Seminar being organised by the Swedish authorities on the Role and Representation of Women in Urban and Regional Planning.

7. The Committee once again underlined the importance it attached to giving all activities in the field of equality the appropriate priority standing within the Council of Europe, in both political and budgetary terms.

8. The Committee took note of information concerning the 37th Session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women, the United Nations World Conference on Human Rights, recent work of the Parliamentary Assembly, the Steering Committee on Bioethics and Secretariat of the Council of Europe, as well as developments taking place on the equality issue in the European Communities and certain members States.

9. The CDEG noted that a co-ordination meeting on co-operation activities with countries of Central and East Europe in the field of equality would be organised by the Secretariat on 8 June 1993.

10. The Committee fixed the dates for both its own meetings and those of its subordinate bodies in 1993. The 5th meeting of the CDEG will take place on 9 - 11 June in Strasbourg.

APPENDIX I

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

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APPENDIX II

AGENDA

1. Opening of the Meeting
2. Adoption of the Agenda
3. Preparation of the 3rd European Ministerial Conference on Equality between Women and Men
4. Implementation of the Research and Priority Action Plan for Project I.1 "Human Rights and Genuine Democracy (Greater Europe)"
5. Report of the 1st meeting of the Group of Specialists on the Fundamental Right of Women and Men to Equality (EG-S-DH)
6. Report of the 2nd meeting of the Group of Specialists on Action against the Traffic in Women and Forced Prostitution (EG-S-TP)
7. European Observatory on Equality between Women and Men.
8. Multiculturalism and equality between women and men
9. Contribution to the 4th World Conference on Women (Beijing, 4-15 September 1995)
10. Seminar on the Role and Representation of Women in Urban and Regional Planning (Sweden, April 1994)
11. Draft Intergovernmental Programme of Activities for 1994
12. International Workshop on the Problems of Equality in the Transition Period in Central and East Europe (Bulgaria 1993)
13. Items to be placed on the agenda of the 5th meeting of the CDEG
14. Dates of forthcoming meetings
15. 37th Session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women (Vienna, 17-26 March 1993)
16. World Conference on Human Rights (Vienna 14-28 June 1993)
17. Information on Committee of Ministers' decisions of concern to the CDEG

18. Progress of work and recent developments concerning equality of interest to the CDEG
19. Co-ordination meeting on co-operation activities with the countries of Central and East Europe in the field of equality
20. Report on activities in the field of bioethics
21. Elimination of sexism from language
22. Other Business
23. Adoption of the abridged report of the meeting.