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COLLOQUY ON  
VIOLENCE WITHIN THE FAMILY  
- MEASURES IN THE SOCIAL FIELD -  
(Strasbourg, 25-27 November 1987)

Information Note  
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## I. Background of the Colloquy

The question of violence within the family was entered in the action programme for the promotion of equality between sexes of the Council of Europe in 1980. Legal aspects of the problem were examined by the European Committee on Crime Problems (CDPC) and incorporated in Recommendation No. R (85) 4 of the Committee of Ministers. This Recommendation, on violence within the family, with its explanatory memorandum (Council of Europe publication 1986), will serve as a reference document for the Colloquy.

As a follow-up to Recommendation (85) 4, the Steering Committee for Social Affairs (CDSO) was requested by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe to prepare a draft Recommendation on measures in the social field for victims of violence within the family. This task has now been entrusted to the Steering Committee for Social Policy (CDPS).

At the initiative of the Norwegian Government, it was decided to organise a colloquy whose results could contribute to the elaboration later on of the draft Recommendation by the CDPS.

## II. Organisation of the Colloquy

1. Date : 25-27 November 1987

Duration : 2 1/2 days

Place : Council of Europe, Strasbourg

Working languages : English and French.

## III. Draft Agenda

Wednesday, 25 November 1987

from 8.30 Participants register in the main entrance hall to the Palais de l'Europe

9.30 a.m. Opening session

- . opening of the Colloquy and address by the Secretary General of the Council of Europe (to be confirmed)
- . address by the President of the Colloquy, Ms Tove Strand GERHARDSEN, Minister of Health and Social Affairs, Norway
- . presentation of theme 1 by Ms R. BRUYNOOGHE, Belgium : the concept of violence in the family
- . discussion in plenary of theme 1

1 p.m. Lunch



- 12 noon . end of proceedings  
          . Press Conference

There will be meetings of presidents and rapporteurs of plenary sessions and working groups

- on the afternoon of Tuesday, 24 November 1987
- at 5.30 on Wednesday, 25 November and Thursday, 26 November.

#### IV. Participants :

About 100-110 people, representing various categories of people engaged in work against violence in the family, such as civil servants, social workers, researchers, politicians, police-officers, health personnel and representatives from crisis centres, women's groups, child welfare organisations, pensioners' organisations or other appropriate non-governmental organisations.

Invitations are to be sent to :

- . the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
- . the Standing Conference of Local and Regional Authorities of Europe (CLRAE)
- . non-member states
  - Finland
  - the Holy See
  - United States
  - Canada
  - Yugoslavia
- . international governmental organisations
  - European Communities (Commission and Council)
  - Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs, Department of International Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations, (Vienna)
  - UNESCO
  - UNICEF
  - WHO
- . representatives of the Committees of Experts concerned in the Council of Europe
  - the European Committee for Equality between Women and Men (CEEG)
  - the European Committee on Legal Co-operation (CDCJ)
  - the European Committee on Crime Problems (CDPC)
  - the European Health Committee (CDSP)
  - the Council for Cultural Co-operation (CDCC)
  - Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH)

- . international non-governmental organisations
  - International Union of Family Organisations
  - International Council on Social Welfare
  - International Federation of Social Workers
  - International Social Service
  - Caritas International
  - International Alliance of Women
  - European Centre of the International Council of Women
  - European Union of Women
  - Soroptomist international of Europe
  - World Association of Children's Friends
  - International Federation of the Ageing (IFA)
  - European Federation for the Welfare of the Elderly (EURAG)
  - International Federation of Associations for the Elderly
  - European section of the International Gerontology Association
  
- . the European Centre for Social Welfare Training and Research, Vienna.