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## **ARE RELIGIONS A PLACE OF EMANCIPATION FOR WOMEN? PROGRESS AND SETBACKS**

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Palais de l'Europe, room 2**

The European Convention on Human Rights or the Lisbon Treaty for member States of the European Union respect religions or spiritual movements. National laws also protect freedom of conscience and worship for nationals of States countries of the Council of Europe while ensuring equality between women and men. We question the fate of this equality among places of worship.

**Moderator** Anne Nègre, Gender Expert, Conference of INGOs

**Welcome** Anna Rurka, President of the Conference of INGOs

**Introduction** Elena Centemero, Italian Parliamentarian, Chairperson of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe.

- Mendel Samama, Rabbi of Strasbourg
- Mohamed Tahiri, Chaplain, Preacher, Strasbourg Grand Mosque
- Tenzin Palmo, Venerable Buddhist, Founder of the convent of Dongyu Gatsal Ling, India
- Basile Iorgulescu, Representative of the Romanian Patriarchate, Priest of the Romanian Orthodox Church
- Agnès Von Kirchbach, German Theologian, Pastor of the United Protestant Church, France
- Paolo Rudello, Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the Council of Europe

**Closing** Gulsun Bilgehan, Turkish parliamentarian, Former Chairperson of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, Chairperson of the Media and Information Society sub-committee of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe.