PEER REVIEW ON ISSUES OF GENDER EQUALITY AND POLITICAL PARTICIPATION:  
POLICY MAKING AND IMPLEMENTATION

Peer-to-peer meeting  
24 November 2017  
Kyiv, Ukraine

PROGRAMME

Venue: Parliamentary Committee’s building (3a, Sadova Street, office 330)  
Moderator: Ms. Esther Isabelle de Jong, Council of Europe gender expert

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| 09:20 – 09:45 | Welcome remarks and opening of the meeting  
|             | Aim and main objectives of the meeting  
|             | Introduction of the participants                                      |
| 09:45 – 10:15 | Achieving gender equal policies in Ukraine: opportunities and challenges in the Parliament of Ukraine  
|             | Ms. Iryna SUSLOVA, Member of Parliament of Ukraine, Chair of the Parliamentary Sub-Committee on gender equality and non-discrimination |

*Issues to be discussed:*
- How the Ukrainian Parliament ensures gender equality policies? How successful and committed is the Parliament to this? What is the role of the Sub-committee on gender equality and non-discrimination in ensuring gender equality policies?  
- The difference between the parliamentary Sub-committee on gender equality and non-discrimination issues and the Inter-factional union of MPs “Equal opportunities” (Women Caucus)  
- What is the role of the Women Caucus in ensuring gender equality in policies?  
- What type of gender discrimination takes place in the Parliament?  
- The difficulties encountered in mainstreaming gender in the activities of the Parliament

*Questions and Answers*

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| 10:15 – 12:00| **Good practices in achieving gender equal policies: country examples**  
|              | Ms. Thorhildur Sunna ÆVARSDÓTTIR, Iceland, Member of Parliament; Chair of the Icelandic delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe  
|              | Ms. Judith SCHWENTNER, Austria, Member of the Green Group in the Austrian Parliament (since September 2009), Spokesperson for women and development policy (2013-2017)  
|              | Ms. Fiona BUCKLEY, Ireland, Lecturer in the Department of Government and Politics, University College Cork; Co-founder of Irish Group 50/50  
|              | Ms. Diane BUNYAN, United Kingdom, former member of Bristol City Council in SW, Director, Gender Equality Mainstreaming (GEM) Consultancy  
|              | *Issues to be discussed:  
|              | - Implementation of gender equality policies  
|              | - Gender-budgeting  
|              | - Cooperation between a committee on gender-equality (or alike) with an inter-factional union  
|              | - Combatting gender discrimination in parliament  
|              | - Ensuring gender mainstreaming in activities of the parliament*  
|              | *General discussion: How to achieve greater effectiveness in developing gender equal policies and what experiences which were presented could be used in Ukraine?*  
|              | 11:00 – 11:15 **Coffee break**  
|              | 11:15 – 12:00 **Continuation of the general discussion**  
| 12:00 – 13:00| **How to strengthen the cooperation between parliamentarians and civil society to achieve gender equal policies?**  
|              | Ms. Liudmyla CHERNIAVSKA, PhD in politics, gender expert  
|              | Ms. Yevgeniya LUTSENKO, PhD in politics, Director, Centre of Social and Gender Research  
|              | Ms. Larysa KOBELIANSKA, PhD in Philosophy, gender expert, Coordinator of Civic Council under the Women Caucus of Ukraine  
|              | Ms. Ella LAMAKH, gender expert, NGO “Centre “Democracy Development”, programme manager  
|              | Ms. Vira POROVSKA, executive director, Women Consortium of Ukraine [TBC]  
|              | Ms. Oleksandra GOLUB, Chair of the Board, NGO “League on protection of women’s rights “Harmony of equal”  
|              | Ms. Marfa SKORYK, director, NGO “Kyiv institute of gender research”  
|              | *Issues to be discussed:  
|              | - How to work closely with politicians to lobby and introduce quotas and positive measures to increase women’s political representation?  
|              | - How to ensure that gender related problems in society are included in the agenda of parliamentarians?  
|              | - How to get relevant information from civil society for use by parliamentarians?  
|              | - Exchange of experiences from other countries*  

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