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Replies Eurasian Association of Women – Regional Leaders

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The President

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Strasbourg, 12 February 2019

Dear Gudrun, Dear Gaye,

Following the conference in Saint Petersburg in 2018, the Governor of Khanty-Mansiysk Autonomous Okrug-Ugra sent a letter presenting a draft concept paper for setting up a Eurasian Association of Women – Regional Leaders "Eurasian Association of Women – Regional Leaders". The concept paper contained your name as representatives of the Congress to take part in a preparatory working group.

This letter was examined by the Bureau on 29 January in Paris. The Bureau considered that the Congress should not take part in this initiative, given the participation of politicians from Crimea and a reference to Crimea as a "part of the Russian Federation".

The Bureau entrusted me to inform you that a participation as Congress member could not be envisaged and that no reference to the Congress should appear on any related material.

I rely on your understanding and the respect of this decision.

Kind regards,

Anders Knape

The President

Ms Natalia Komarova
Governor
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Strasbourg, 15 February 2019

Subject: **Eurasian Women Leaders - regional forum**

Dear Governor,

I would like to thank you for your letter of 28 December 2018 addressed to the former President of the Congress, Ms. Gudrun Mosler-Törnström, enclosing the draft concept paper for setting up a Eurasian Association of Women – Regional Leaders. She has been informed of its contents.

I should inform you that the Bureau of the Congress met on 29 January 2019 and considered that the Congress would not be able to further take part in this initiative, given the participation of politicians from Crimea and a reference to Crimea as a part of the Russian Federation.

The Bureau also stated that, with regard to persons who participate in this initiative in other capacities, any reference to the positions they hold in the Congress should be avoided.

I wish you a successful event and would appreciate if you could inform the Congress secretariat about the results achieved.

Yours sincerely,



Anders Knappe