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ON

IMPROVING THE GENDER EQUALITY IN THE OSCE

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The OSCE Parliamentary Assembly

1. Recalling the Assembly's past recommendation on improving the gender equality within the OSCE and its recommendations to fight gender based discrimination,
2. Recognizing the increased visibility of gender issues within the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly as an important step,
3. Regretting that in spite of the goodwill expressed in the 2000 OSCE Gender Action Plan, very little actual progress is visible with regard to the gender equality situation within the Organization itself,
4. Realizing that many national Delegations to the OSCE PA still include very few women and that some Delegations include no women at all,

The OSCE Parliamentary Assembly

5. Welcomes the 2004 Ministerial Council decision adopting the new Gender Action Plan and insists on an immediate implementation of the provisions included;
6. Again calls upon the OSCE Secretary General and participating States to take positive action to promote the recruitment of women candidates within OSCE bodies and Institutions, especially at higher levels; and to improve the culture and working atmosphere in the Organization. The Assembly encourages national OSCE PA Delegations to assist their respective Governments in identifying qualified female candidates;
7. Reiterates the Assembly's recommendation to provide equal opportunities for men and women in the OSCE in order for the Organization to live up to its own principles;
8. Requests that the OSCE improve the mainstreaming of the gender perspective in its reports, resolutions and all other documents, as gender neutral often means gender blind. At the same time, encourages the OSCE PA International Secretariat to continue its monitoring and reporting of this;
9. Recommends that Parliamentary Delegations to the OSCE monitor the work of their Permanent National Delegations in Vienna in order to ensure that they promote gender balance in all OSCE activities by, for instance, requesting reports on this matter;
10. Strongly urges parliaments in the OSCE area to take positive action in order to obtain gender balance in their national delegations to the OSCE PA;

11. Calls upon Heads of OSCE PA Delegations to take positive action to promote the nomination and appointment of women candidates in the OSCE PA for elected positions and with regard to participation in field-related activities;
12. Invites all Members of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly to promote participation of women in politics and civil society building in their home countries, starting at their respective constituencies;
13. Encourages the OSCE PA Special Representative on Gender Issues to continue the efforts to ensure that OSCE PA reports and resolutions are gender mainstreamed and that a gender perspective be included in the work of the Assembly, and stresses the importance of the informal network of the Special Representative on Gender Issues;
14. Welcomes the efforts of the International Secretariat to promote gender equality in the OSCE and calls upon the OSCE PA Secretary General to continue his efforts to maintain a good and equal working environment in the International Secretariat.

AMENDMENT TO SUPPLEMENTARY ITEM

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