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**NCEO – NETWORK OF PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES FOR EQUAL
OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN AND MEN IN THE EUROPEAN UNION
31 OCTOBER – 1 NOVEMBER 2006 IN HELSINKI**

Dear Colleague,

I have the privilege to invite you to the Conference of the Network of Parliamentary Committees for Equal Opportunities for Women and Men in the European Union (NCEO), which will be held in Helsinki during Finland's EU Presidency in the second half of 2006.

The conference will take place on Tuesday 31 October and Wednesday 1 November 2006 in the Parliament of Finland, Eduskunta. On the evening of Monday, 30 October 2006 preceding the conference, a coming-together reception and dinner will be organised.

Please find enclosed the draft programme of the conference.

Further information on the conference and contact details can be found on the EU Presidency 2006 website of the Parliament of Finland (<http://www.eduskunta.fi/eu2006>).

On the website of the conference, you will find the registration and hotel reservation forms. I would ask you to register and make the hotel reservation at your earliest convenience. Instructions concerning the registration and hotel reservation will be sent to your committee secretariat.

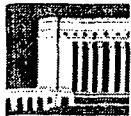
For any additional information you may require, please contact the Secretariat of the Employment and Equality Committee (tel. +358 9 432 2096, email: nceo2006@parliament.fi).

Looking forward to seeing you in Helsinki

Yours sincerely,

Jukka Gustafsson
Chairman
The Employment and Equality Committee
Eduskunta





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FOR WOMEN AND MEN IN THE PARLIAMENTS OF THE EU MEMBER STATES AND
THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Monday 30 October 2006

14.00 -	Arrival and registration at Hotel Scandic Simonkenttä
17.45	Transfer to the Eduskunta
18.00	Presentation of the Parliament of Finland
19.00	Reception hosted by Ms Sirkka-Liisa ANTTILA, First Deputy Speaker of the Parliament
	Buffet dinner
21.00	Transfer to Hotel Scandic Simonkenttä



Tuesday 31 October 2006

8.45	Transfer from Hotel Scandic Simonkenttä to the Eduskunta
9.00	Opening of the Conference – Mr Jukka GUSTAFSSON, Chairperson of the Employment and Equality Committee
9.10	Centenary of Women's Full Political Rights in Finland – Ms Kaari UTRIO, writer
9.45	Presentation of the Network of Finnish Women Members of Parliament – Ms Heidi HAUTALA, Chairperson of the Network of Finnish Women Members of Parliament
10.00	Coffee
10.30	Globalisation and Women
11.00	Position of Refugee Women in Today's Europe – Ms Pirkko KOURULA, Director of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) Europe Bureau
	Debate
12.15	Lunch
13.30	Women in Armed Conflicts and in Crisis Management – Ms Elisabeth REHN, Minister
	Comments
14.40	Coffee
15.00	Measures of Finland and the EU to realize a UN Resolution on Women and peace and security – Mr Erkki TUOMIOJA, Minister of Foreign Affairs
15.20	Rights of Minorities and Measures to Secure their Position – Mr Gunnar JANSSON, Former MP
	Debate
16.45	Transfer to Hotel Scandic Simonkenttä
18.30	Transfer from the hotel to the Restaurant Kalastajatorppa
19.00	Dinner
22.30	Transfer to Hotel Scandic Simonkenttä



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Wednesday 1 November 2006

- 8.45 Transfer from Hotel Scandic Simonkenttä to the Eduskunta
- 9.00 Men and Equality – Mr Juha SIHVOLA, Professor
- 9.35 Challenges of Working for Equality – Ms Tuula
HAATAINEN, Minister of Equality
- Men and Equality
- Programme for Equal Pay
- 10.00 Coffee / Press Conference
- 10.30 Follow-up of the Programme for Equal Pay – Ms Ulla-Maj
WIDEROOS, Second Minister of Finance, Vice-
chairperson of the Follow-up Group
- 10.45 Presentation of the Woman's Euro Programme
- Debate
- 11.45 Conclusion
- 12.00 Buffet Lunch

