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Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men
Commission sur l'égalité des chances pour les femmes et les hommes

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Dear Chairperson

On 2 October 2008 the Parliamentary Assembly officially launched the "Gender Equality Prize"

This prize will be awarded to political parties which strive to promote gender equality in politics through action that significantly improves women's participation in elected assemblies or political parties, or in their respective executive bodies

All political groups in the national parliaments of the Council of Europe member states may nominate political parties for the prize

Exceptionally, the deadline for submitting candidatures for the first award of the prize has been extended to 1 June 2009. The 2009 prize will be awarded by the President of the Assembly at a ceremony during the Assembly's autumn 2009 session (28 September 2008 - 2 October). Information about the prize is available on <http://assembly.coe.int/equalityprize> (in English, French, German, Italian, Russian, Polish, Turkish and Spanish).

I should be grateful if you would publicise this as widely as possible. In particular, please inform your parliament's political groups and parties and invite them to submit candidatures by 1 June 2009.

I am relying on you to ensure that this prize is a success and helps to promote gender equality in our parliaments and political parties

Yours faithfully,

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Attached: leaflets on "Gender Equality Prize 2009"