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**CONFERENCE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN
 AGENDA
 BRUSSELS, 25-26 NOVEMBER 2010**

THURSDAY, 25 NOVEMBER – HILTON HOTEL SALON LOUISE

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| 08:45 - 09:15 | Arrival and Registration of Participants |
| 09:15 - 10:30 | Opening Speeches |
| | <i>Objective: to introduce the aims of the conference and set the platform for discussions. Perspective on the latest developments and future steps towards a strategy.</i> |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Viviane Reding, Vice President of the European Commission, EU Commissioner responsible for Justice, Fundamental Rights and Citizenship. • Minister Milquet, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Employment and Equal Opportunities, in charge of Migration and Asylum Policy, Belgium – Presentation of the declaration from the Women Ministers Summit on violence against women. • Ms Rashida Manjoo, UN Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women, its causes and consequences. |
| 10:30 - 11:00 | Coffee break |
| 11:00 - 12:45 | Panel: Origins, causes and social aspects of violence against women |
| | <i>Objective: to look at underlying causes of violence against women, trends, social and policy aspects. Perspective on historical inequalities.</i> |
| | <p>Chair: Ms Belinda Pyke, Director DG EMPL</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Dr. Carol Hagemann-White, University of Osnabrück. Senior researcher: <i>Origins and causes of violence against women.</i> • Ms Ragnhild Bendiksby, Deputy Director General, the Department of Family Affairs and Equality in the Norwegian Ministry of Children, Equality and Social Inclusion: <i>Violence against Women from a historical Gender perspective.</i> • Mr Vincent Libert, Director, Praxis, Belgium: <i>Perspectives on the sources of violence resulting from work with perpetrators.</i> • Ms Manuela Samek, Expert Group on Gender equality and social inclusion, health and long term care issues (EGGSI): <i>Violence against Women and the role of gender equality, social inclusion and health strategies.</i> |

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| | Debate |
| 12:45 - 14:15 | Lunch break |
| 14:15 – 16:00 | Panel: Legal Aspects in Combating Violence against Women |
| | <i>Objective: to introduce the results of the DG JUSTICE study to assess opportunities to standardise national legislation on gender violence and violence against children and discuss legal instruments currently in place, their implementation and possibilities for future legislative initiatives.</i> |
| | <p>Chair: Ms Lotte Knudsen, Director DG JUSTICE</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Liz Kelly, Senior researcher, London Metropolitan University - CWASU: <i>Conclusions and recommendations from the 'Feasibility study to assess the possibilities, opportunities and needs to standardize national legislation on violence against women, violence against children and sexual orientation violence' / Dr. Renée Römken, Researcher legal aspects - Tilburg University - INTERVICT.</i> • Council of Europe representative: Council of Europe Draft Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence. • Ms. Aurora Mejia, General Director of International Judicial Cooperation and Relations with the Confessions, Ministry of Justice, Spain: <i>The Spanish experience on legislation and its impact.</i> • Dr Nicolas Beger, Director, Amnesty International European Institutions office: <i>Reflection on the general legislative framework and opportunities in Europe addressing all levels including the situation of the victims.</i> <p>Debate</p> |
| 16:00 - 16:30 | Coffee break |
| 16:30 - 18:00 | Panel: Special Forms of Violence (EU and international experience) |
| | <i>Objective: to discuss the special forms of violence, including female genital mutilation (FGM), how they can be eradicated from Europe and share the results of the DG JUSTICE study on Harmful Practices.</i> |
| | <p>Chair: Dr. Marleen Timmerman, Director of the International Centre for Reproductive Health</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Jean Albert, Law Office DBB (Demolin-Brulard-Barthelemy): <i>Different approaches in fighting Female Genital Mutilation.</i> • Ms Christine Loudes, Campaign Director (End FGM-European campaign), Amnesty International Ireland: <i>End FGM Campaign.</i> • Ms Jasmina Byrne, Child Protection Specialist, UNICEF Innocenti |

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| | <p>Research Centre: <i>Best practices in dealing with FGM.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms Khadidiatou Diallo, President, Groupe pour l'abolition des mutilations sexuelles (GAMS), Belgium: <i>NGO actions in fighting FGM.</i> <p>Debate</p> |
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FRIDAY, 26 NOVEMBER – HILTON HOTEL SALON LOUISE

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| 09:00 - 11:00 | Panel: How to fight violence against women - Towards an EU strategy |
| | <i>Objective: to discuss the challenges when addressing the phenomenon, the actions required for effective prevention, protection and prosecution, and the added value of the EU strategy.</i> |
| | <p>Chair: Ms Françoise Le Bail, Director General of DG JUSTICE</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Freddy Gazan, Advisor at the Service for Criminal Justice; Federal Public Service Justice, Belgium: <i>The COLL (obligatory reporting) experience and treatment of perpetrators.</i> Ms Minna Piispa, Development Manager; National Institute for Health and Welfare, Finland: <i>Added value of EU action – Perspective of a Member State</i> Ms Rosa Logar, Women Against Violence Europe-WAVE: <i>The expectations of the civil society from the strategy.</i> Ms Myria Vassiliadou, Secretary General of European Women's Lobby-EWL: <i>The expectations of the civil society from the strategy.</i> Ms Andrea Murray, Chair of the EU Advisory Committee on Equal Opportunities between Women and Men: <i>Expert Opinion for an EU Strategy on Violence Against Women and Girls.</i> <p>Debate</p> |
| 11:00 - 11:30 | Coffee Break |
| 11:30 - 12:45 | Closing Speeches |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms Sabine de Bethune, MP, Belgium Representative from incoming Hungarian Presidency (tbc) Ms Eva-Britt Svensson, Chair of the European Parliament's Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality Ms Michelle Bachelet, Head of UN WOMEN (tbc) Ms Françoise Le Bail, Director General of DG JUSTICE |
| 12:45 - 14:30 | Buffet lunch |