



**Meeting of the Committee on Women’s Rights in Euromed Countries
of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Union for the Mediterranean (PA-UfM)**

Draft Minutes of the Meeting on 12 May, 2017 in Rome

Summary:

The meeting of the Committee on Women’s Rights in Euromed Countries of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Union for the Mediterranean was held on 12 May 2017 in the Chamber of Deputies in Rome. The committee’s deputy chairperson, Ms Yasmine LARSSON, chaired the meeting in the absence of the committee chair, Ms Leila CHETTAOUI.

It was attended by:

- the European parliament.
- the Parliaments of Southern Shore Countries (6): Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Israel, Tunisia and Turkey.
- EU National Parliaments (10): Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Greece, Italy, Luxembourg, Malta, Portugal, Spain, Sweden.

Proceedings:

After a welcome address, the deputy chair thanked the Italian Parliament for the hospitality and put the draft agenda and the minutes of the meeting held in Rome on 3 April 2017 to the vote that has been approved.

Ms LARSSON then considered the amendments to the draft recommendation on **"Participation of women in the leadership positions and decision making: Challenges and prospects"**.

The ensuing debate led to the adoption by consensus of a new text. On amendments 16 and 17 to par. 7, considering the different views expressed, Ms LARSSON decided to put the matter to the vote to determine the committee's view. Ms BRAHIM (Tunisia) proposed that women parliamentarians should be expressly mentioned.

Concluding remarks:

After adoption of the new text, the chair thanked the rapporteurs and participants and invited all members to the next committee meeting, to be held by Egyptian presidency:

- debate on standing items: "Situation of women in armed conflicts"; "Women and Migration".
- proposal of topics for discussion at the next meeting.