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Associating women in the prevention and the solution of unsolved conflicts in Europe

Reply to Recommendation[1]: Recommendation 1909 (2010)
Committee of Ministers

1. The Committee of Ministers welcomes Parliamentary Assembly Recommendation 1909 (2010) on "Associating women in the prevention and the solution of unsolved conflicts in Europe", which raises important questions about a balanced gender participation in the prevention and solution of unresolved conflicts. It has brought the recommendation to the attention of governments and has also communicated it to the Steering Committee for Equality between Women and Men (CDEG) for information and possible comments.

2. The Committee of Ministers is pleased to be able to inform the Assembly that it adopted Recommendation CM/Rec(2010)10 to member states on the role of women and men in conflict prevention and resolution and in peace building in July 2010. It will examine the implementation of this recommendation in due course. The Committee also informs the Assembly that the future Council of Europe Convention to prevent and combat violence against women and domestic violence will cover acts of violence against women in conflict situations.

3. The Committee of Ministers further notes that the Assembly's recommendation is in line with the priorities of the Resolution "Bridging the gap between *de jure* and *de facto* equality to achieve real gender equality" and the Action Plan "Taking up the challenge of the achievement of *de jure* and *de facto* gender equality" which were adopted by the 7th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Equality between Women and Men (Baku, 24-25 May 2010). The Committee of Ministers in particular notes priority III of the Action Plan, "Equal participation of women and men in political, public and economic life, including in decision making". On 29 September 2010, the Committee of Ministers decided that the aforementioned resolution and Action Plan would be taken into account in the future work of the Council of Europe in the area of gender equality.

1. adopted at the 1101st meeting of the Ministers' Deputies (8 December 2010)