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More gender equality in Parliamentary Assembly positions

Motion for a resolution

tabled by Ms Doris STUMP and other members of the Assembly

This motion has not been discussed in the Assembly and commits only those who have signed it

Although the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe strongly defends equal rights and equal opportunities for women and men, its own practice of distributing positions does not lead to gender equality at all. Thus, for example, in January 2010, only one woman – but nine men – were elected to chair one of the ten Assembly Committees – despite the fact that, in accordance with Rule 44.1. of the Rules of Procedure, “the principle of gender equality” is to be taken into account during these elections.

Measures leading to more gender equality in the Assembly are thus clearly needed. For example, new rules could be introduced on the distribution of all Assembly positions in order to guarantee that either sex is represented with at least 40% at all levels. To be effective, these rules should be clear and mandatory, including for the political groups and national delegations involved in the process.

Signed (see overleaf)



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