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Recommendation 1759 (2006)[1]

Parliaments united in combating domestic violence against women

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1. The Parliamentary Assembly refers to its Resolution 1512 (2006) on parliaments united in combating domestic violence against women.

2. The Assembly welcomes the fact that the heads of state and government of Council of Europe member states responded favourably to its recommendations and included the organisation of a pan-European campaign to combat violence against women, including domestic violence, in the Action Plan adopted at the Warsaw Summit (16 and 17 May 2005). It expresses its appreciation for the work accomplished by the members of the task force appointed by the Secretary General of the Council of Europe, whose expertise made it possible to prepare a draft strategy for the Council of Europe campaign to be submitted to the Committee of Ministers.

3. The Assembly resolves to develop the parliamentary dimension of this campaign and to embark upon an initiative entitled "Parliaments united in combating domestic violence against women" to oversee the implementation of the Council of Europe campaign in the national parliaments of member states.

4. The Assembly calls on the Committee of Ministers to make the fight against domestic violence a priority activity in 2006-2008 and to ensure that the Parliamentary Assembly continues to be represented on the bodies co-ordinating the Council of Europe campaign.

5. The Assembly encourages the European Commission to support the activities proposed as part of the Council of Europe campaign to combat violence against women, including domestic violence, in particular under the Daphne programme.

6. The Assembly encourages the Committee of Ministers to invite its steering committees to incorporate the aims of the campaign in their activities, particularly with regard to the protection of the rights of immigrant women and the police handling of complaints filed by women under its "Police and Human Rights" programme.

7. The Assembly calls on the Committee of Ministers to:

7.1. allocate the necessary budgetary resources to ensure the success of this campaign, by financing specific national and European activities at intergovernmental, parliamentary, local and regional level;

7.2. urge member states to:

7.2.1. play their part in implementing the initiative through voluntary contributions to finance the activities proposed as part of the Council of Europe campaign, including the parliamentary dimension;

7.2.2. support non-governmental organisations in their efforts to raise public awareness and offer protection to victims

1. Assembly debate on 28 June 2006 (20th Sitting) (see Doc. 10934, report of the Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men, rapporteur: Ms Cliveti). Text adopted by the Assembly on 28 June 2006 (20th Sitting).

8. The Assembly calls on the Committee of Ministers to step up its co-operation with the European Union in order to develop a common method for compiling statistics on violence within the family.