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Recommendation 1790 (2007)[1]

The situation of women in the South Caucasus

Parliamentary Assembly

1. The Parliamentary Assembly draws attention to Resolution 1544 (2007) on the situation of women in the South Caucasus.

2. It welcomes the assistance and co-operation programmes involving the countries of the South Caucasus.

3. It calls on the Committee of Ministers to continue its co-operation efforts in the countries of the South Caucasus, while taking account of a gender-specific approach in dealing with the problems encountered.

4. In this connection, it calls on the Committee of Ministers to regard gender equality as one of the fundamental requirements for the establishment of democracy.

5. In particular, with regard to prison reform, it calls on the Committee of Ministers to make sure that prison and penal policies in Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia are changed so that the application of justice to women is more effective and humane.

6. With regard to the resolution of the conflicts which exist in the region, it also calls on the Committee of Ministers to foster the participation of women in resolving them and to pay special attention to refugee and displaced women who are in a particularly vulnerable situation.

7. Lastly, it calls on the Committee of Ministers to encourage Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia to play a full part in the Council of Europe campaigns to combat violence against women, including domestic violence, and on combating trafficking in human beings.

1. Text adopted by the Standing Committee, acting on behalf of the Assembly, on 16 March 2007 (see Doc. 11178, report of the Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men, rapporteur: Mrs Oskina).