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Involving women in the prevention and solution of unresolved conflicts in Europe

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1. With reference to its Resolution 1716 (2010) on involving women in the prevention and solution of unresolved conflicts in Europe, the Parliamentary Assembly regrets that in areas of Europe where there are unresolved conflicts, as in other conflict and post-conflict zones in the world, women are too frequently ignored in the crisis management, peace negotiation and reconstruction processes.

2. The Assembly is convinced that incorporating a gender perspective into conflict negotiation, management and resolution offers a means of managing crises that would help to make Europe a more stable and safer place.

3. The Assembly considers that greater female participation in these processes is dependent on measures to combat all forms of discrimination and violence against women, the setting up of mechanisms to ensure balanced participation of women and men in crisis management, conflict prevention and resolution, and training in gender competence for members of the international community involved in the management and resolution of these conflicts.

4. In particular, it considers that the perpetrators of all forms of violence against women, including sexual violence, before, during and after conflicts must be brought to justice and the victims protected. It refers to its Resolution 1670 (2009) and Recommendation 1873 (2009) on sexual violence against women in armed conflict, and calls for them to be fully implemented.

5. The Assembly therefore invites the Committee of Ministers to:

5.1. adopt a recommendation on the role of women and men in conflict prevention and resolution and in peace building as soon as possible;

5.2. monitor the application of this forthcoming recommendation by the member states;

5.3. ensure that the future Council of Europe convention to prevent and combat violence against women and domestic violence covers acts of violence against women in conflict situations;

5.4. include, in its subordinate bodies which deal with frozen conflicts, current conflicts and post-conflict situations, a balanced participation of women and men, and take into account women's expertise.

1. *Assembly debate* on 27 April 2010 (12th Sitting) (see Doc. 12169, report of the Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men, rapporteur: Mrs Kiuru). *Text adopted by the Assembly* on 27 April 2010 (12th Sitting).