THE MOST FAVOURED EUROPEAN WOMAN’S CLAUSE
”The best of Europe for women”
On November 27th and 28th, 2008
At the Centre des Conférences Internationales
19, avenue Kléber – 75016 Paris, France

PROGRAM OF THE CONFERENCE
(Provisional program as of November 8th, 2008)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27th, 2008

09.00-11.00 am: Opening of the conference
Introduction: presentation of the program and guests
By Frédéric Taddéi, journalist (society) from France Televisions.

Gisèle Halimi, President of Choisir la cause des femmes.
Margot Wallström, Vice-President of the European Commission.
Valérie Létard, State Secretary for Solidarity.
Vladimir Spidla, European Commissioner for Employment, Social affairs and Equal Opportunities: the Clause and the Roadmap for equality between women and men.
Debate chaired by Frédéric Taddéi.

11.00-11.45 am: Presentation of the Clause
Presentation of the work methods and of the fields of the Clause
Commented projections and announcement of the “legislative bouquet”
By Maria Cornaz, Violaine Lucas and Barbara Vilain, responding to Frédéric Taddéi.

11.45-12.00 am: Break

12.00-01.00 pm: Legal feasibility of the Clause
With the participation of Professors in EU law:
Jean-Luc Sauron (France), Maître des requêtes, Conseil d’Etat.
Inge Govaere (Germany), Director of the European legal studies, College of Europe, Bruges.
Andreu Olesti Rayo (Spain), Director of the European legal studies, Center of International studies, Barcelona.
Debate chaired by Frédéric Taddéi and Séverine Dupagny (European legal adviser).

01.00-02.00 pm: Work lunch

02.15-06.00 pm: Workshops
Choosing to give birth, chaired by Violaine Lucas.
Family: a haven of affection or a trap for women? chaired by Anne Dussaulx.
Violence: battered, raped, prostituted women, chaired by Maria Cornaz.
Workplace: the women’s economical independence, ground for all liberties, chaired by Barbara Vilain.
Politics: which democracy for women? chaired by Faye Fisch.

06.00-07.00 pm: Meeting of the Rapporteures
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28th, 2008

09.00-09.30 am: Intervention of Jean-Pierre Jouyet, State Secretary for European Affairs.

09.30-12.00 am: The European Parliament responding to the rapporteurs

Two round tables:
Presentation of the conclusions of each workshop by its rapporteur
20 minutes debates with the Heads of five parliamentary groups (PPE-DE, Socialist group, ALDE, Greens and GEU-Nordic Green Left).
Debates chaired by Audrey Pulvar, political journalist from France Télévisions, and Frédéric Taddéi.

12.30-02.00 pm: Work lunch

02.30-04.00 pm: “Women’s rights = men’s rights?”

Gisèle Halimi, President of Choisir la cause des femmes.
Rama Yade, State Secretary for Foreign affairs and Human rights.
Dzamila Stehlikova, Minister for Human rights (Czech Republic)
Nyamko Sabuni, Minister for Integration and Gender Equality (Sweden) (to confirm).
Irene Kahn, Secretary General for Amnesty International.
Debate chaired by Audrey Pulvar.

04.00-04.15 pm: Intervention of Bernard Kouchner, Minister of Foreign affairs.

04.15-04.30 pm: Break

04.30-06.00 pm: Women’s expectations from Europe?

Discussion with Roselyne Bachelot, Minister for Health, Youth, Sports and Voluntary Sector and representatives from Union for the Mediterranean: Algeria, Croatia, Egypt, Morocco, Tunisia and Turkey about their expectations regarding women’s rights in Europe, chaired by Audrey Pulvar.

06.00-06.15 pm: Conclusion

The European Permanent Secretary of the Clause
Presented by Gisèle Halimi, President of Choisir la cause des femmes.

From 06.30 pm: Closing cocktail

The conference will be held in French and in English (simultaneous translation).