

# Choisir la cause des femmes

## THE MOST FAVOURED EUROPEAN WOMAN'S CLAUSE

**”The best of Europe for women”**

**On November 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, 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 27<sup>th</sup>, 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 *Rapporteuses***

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28<sup>th</sup>, 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 *rapporteuses***

### **Two round tables:**

Presentation of the conclusions of each workshop by its *rapporteuse*

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.

**Dzamil 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).*