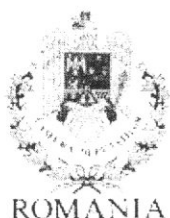


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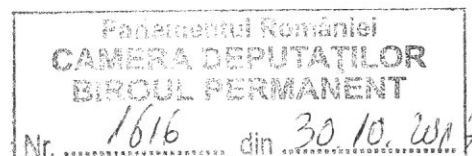
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CABINET SECRETAR GENERAL

MEMORANDUM INTERN



De la: Silvia Claudia MIHALCEA, Secretar general al Camerei Deputaților

Către: Biroul Permanent al Camerei Deputaților

Tema: Participarea la cea de-a 6-a Conferință internațională privind femeile rome (Strasbourg, 6 – 7 noiembrie 2017)

Consiliul Europei urmărește să crească reprezentarea femeilor și, în special, a femeilor rome, în viața publică și politică. Comitetul de Miniștri al Consiliului Europei a adoptat, în martie 2016, *Planul de acțiune tematic privind incluziunea romilor și „călătorilor” (2016-2019)* care include printre prioritățile sale și *împuternicirea femeilor și fetelor rome și „călătorilor”*. Totodată, participarea echilibrată a femeilor și bărbaților în procesul decizional reprezintă o prioritate a Strategiei Consiliului Europei privind egalitatea de gen.

În acest context, în perioada 6 – 7 noiembrie 2017, la Strasbourg, Consiliul Europei organizează cea de-a 6-a Conferință internațională privind femeile rome și a adresat o invitație doamnei deputat **Oana Mioara BÎZGAN-GAYRAL (USR)**, Președintele Comisiei pentru egalitatea de șanse pentru femei și bărbați, să participe și să ia cuvântul în sesiunea de deschidere a conferinței.

Conferința își propune să promoveze participarea politică și reprezentarea femeilor rome în structurile de guvernare. Rezultatul imediat va fi semnarea unui *angajament* al partidelor politice naționale de a lua măsuri pentru a asigura o mai mare egalitate de gen, precum și pentru a asigura participarea femeilor rome în procesul decizional.

Lucrările Conferinței se vor desfășura în două sesiuni de lucru pe teme „Sistemul electoral și cote de reprezentare pentru romi/călători” și „Împuternicirea și consilierea femeilor rome și a călătorilor”; de asemenea, se vor desfășura în paralel o serie de workshop-uri în cadrul cărora participanții pot face schimb de bune practici și de experiențe.

Menționăm faptul că pentru doamna deputat Oana Mioara Bîzgan-Gayral, transportul internațional și asigurarea de călătorie vor fi suportate de Consiliul Europei. Totodată, suma de 175 euro/pers/zi reprezentând cazarea și diurna vor fi suportate și rambursate ulterior de Consiliul Europei, prin transfer bancar. Pentru buna organizare a acțiunii, cheltuielile de cazare și de diurnă (în limita sumei de 175 euro/zi) ale participantului român vor fi angajate din bugetul Camerei Deputaților și rambursate, după decontarea acestora, de către Consiliul Europei.

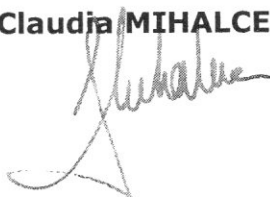
Acțiunea are caracter parlamentar conform art. 3, alin. e) din HBPr nr. 1/2003, modificată și completată prin HBPr nr. 5/2007.

Propunem:

- să se aprobe participarea doamnei deputat Oana Mioara Bîzgan-Gayral la această acțiune;
- deplasarea doamnei deputat să se efectueze cu avionul pe ruta București – Frankfurt – Strasbourg și retur cu plecare în data de 5 noiembrie 2017, ora 13:55 (LH 1419) și întoarcere în data 8 noiembrie 2017, ora 00:10 (LH 1422), conform traseului anexat (suportat de organizatori);
- să se suporte din bugetul Camerei Deputaților cheltuielile de cazare (plafon B, pentru 2 nopți) și de diurnă, cu rambursarea ulterioară de către APCE în limita sumei de 175 euro/zi;
- să se acorde doamnei deputat o sumă fixă de 50 euro (conform art. 29 alin 1, lit c din HPBr 1/2003 cu modificările și completările ulterioare din HBPr 5/2007);
- decontarea cheltuielilor să se facă la întoarcerea în țară, pe baza documentelor justificative.

SECRETAR GENERAL

Silvia Claudia MIHALCEA



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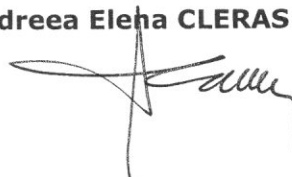
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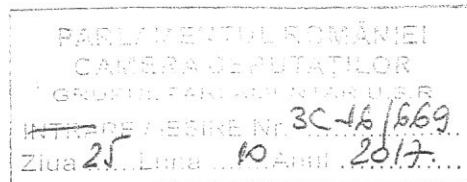
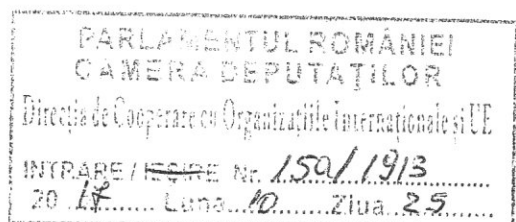
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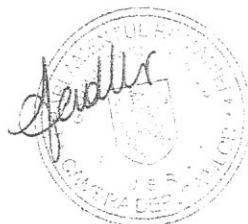
Către: Direcția pentru cooperare cu organizațiile internaționale și UE

Prin prezenta confirm acordul pentru participarea doamnei deputat **Oana Mioara BÎZGAN-GAYRAL**, membră a Comisiei pentru egalitatea de șanse pentru femei și bărbați a Camerei Deputaților, la cea de-a 6-a Conferință internațională privind femeile rome care va avea loc la Strasbourg, în perioada 5 – 7 noiembrie 2017.

Până la data de 31 octombrie 2017, în funcție de agenda de lucru, Grupul USR își rezervă dreptul de a anula participarea.

Cristian-Gabriel SEIDLER

Lider Grup USR





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Strasbourg, 25 October 2017

6th International Roma Women Conference, Strasbourg, 6-7 November 2017

Dear Ms Bizgan,

I am pleased to invite you to attend the Council of Europe's 6th International Roma¹ Women Conference on "Women and Political Representation: The Case of Roma and Traveller Women", which will take place at the Palais de l'Europe, room 9, in Strasbourg, France, on 6-7 November 2017.

The Council of Europe aims to increase the representation of women in political and public life in general, and of Roma and Traveller women in particular. This is a priority for the Secretary General.

The Thematic Action Plan on the Inclusion of Roma and Travellers (2016-2019), adopted by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe in March 2016, includes amongst its priorities the empowerment of Roma women and the promotion of gender equality. In addition, the balanced participation of women and men in political and public decision-making is a priority of the Council of Europe Strategy on Gender Equality.

The Conference aims for further political participation and representation of Roma and Traveller women at all levels of parliament and government. **The immediate outcome will be a pledge by national political parties to take steps to ensure increased gender equality, as well as Roma and Traveller women's participation.**

As you very well know, political parties play a key role in all European democracies and in enabling the active political participation of all European citizens. They set policy priorities and can be key drivers for positive change. We would therefore be very pleased if you considered it worthwhile to participate in, or to be represented at, this important conference to exchange and share examples of good practices.

¹ The term "Roma and Traveller" is used at the Council of Europe to encompass the wide diversity of the groups covered by the work of the Council of Europe in this field: on the one hand a) Roma, Sinti/Manush, Calé, Kaale, Romanichals, Boyash/Rudari; b) Balkan Egyptians (Egyptians and Ashkali); c) Eastern groups (Dom, Lom and Abdal); and, on the other hand, groups such as Travellers, Yenish, and the populations designated under the administrative term "*Gens du voyage*", as well as persons who identify themselves as Gypsies. The present is an explanatory footnote, not a definition of Roma and/or Travellers.

During the conference, in a ceremony covered by the media, you will be invited to sign the above-mentioned pledge on behalf of the political party that you represent and you will have the opportunity to make a short statement.

Please find enclosed the preliminary draft programme of the conference and the draft pledge for your perusal. We welcome your comments or suggestions on this draft text.

The working languages of the Conference will be English, French and Romani.

Your travel between the address quoted above and the meeting place and subsistence expenses will be borne by the Council of Europe on the terms specified in the enclosed Rules. Please note that the daily allowance has been set at € 175 for 2017 (50% for hotel accommodation, 15% for each main meal and 20% for miscellaneous expenses). Since the beginning of November is a very busy conference period in Strasbourg, please book your accommodation as soon as possible.

You are requested to arrange your journey in the most economical manner. If you wish to benefit from a prepaid ticket, you are kindly requested to contact the Secretariat as soon as possible, either by telephone or e-mail at the contact details given below. Your travel expenses will only be reimbursed upon presentation of documentary evidence of the sum actually paid (invoice, copy of credit card slip, etc.). If an invoice is provided, this must be the original document issued by the travel agency or airline that issued the ticket. This evidence of the expenditure together with the relevant travel tickets (plane, train, etc.) should be attached to the completed claim form for reimbursement. All these documents should be returned to the Secretariat at the beginning of the meeting.

If no public transport is used, travel expenses will be reimbursed according to Article 6 of the enclosed rules.

Specific travel-related risks are covered by a CHARTIS insurance policy (number 2.004.761), which provides cover for persons up to their 76th birthday. The following help line CHARTIS Assistance 24 Hours can be called in case of need: (32) 3 253 69 16. It is not necessary to take out a supplementary insurance policy and such a policy will not be reimbursed by the Council of Europe.

Please be so kind to have with you a passport or identity card and this letter of invitation. This will facilitate your entry into the meeting venue.

If you have any questions regarding your participation in this event please contact Ms Valerie Poppe-Muess, by email: valerie.poppe-muess@coe.int or tel.: +33 (0)3 90 21 64 80 and for administrative issues, please contact Ms Snezana Jacevski by email at snezana.jacevski@coe.int, tel: +33 (0)3 88 41 31 73 or fax: +33 3 90 21 40 53.

We very much hope that your agenda will allow you to travel to Strasbourg and contribute to the Conference and we look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,



Snežana Samardžić-Marković

Encl. : draft programme and draft pledge



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Sixth International Conference of Roma Women

Women and Political Representation:

The Case of Roma and Traveller¹ Women

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Monday, 6 November 2017

08:45-09.00 Registration of participants

Opening session

Moderator: Mr Thorsten Afflerbach, Head of the Support Team of the Special Representative of the Secretary General (SRSG) for Roma Issues

09.00-10.30 Mr Thorbjørn Jagland, Secretary General of the Council of Europe (tbc)

Ms Tarja Halonen, former President of Finland, keynote speaker (tbc)

Ms Oana Bizgan, President of the Commission for Equality between women and men, Romanian Chamber of Deputies (tbc)

Mr Adrian Wiener, President of the Commission for Equality between women and men, Romanian Senate (tbc)

Ms Catarina Marcelino, Secretary of State for Citizenship and Equality of Portugal (tbc)

Ms Marlène Schiappa, Secretary of State to the Prime Minister, in charge of Equality between Women and Men, France (tbc)

10.30-10.45 Coffee break / Press Conference

Panel discussion: Gender equality and electoral systems

Moderator: Ms Miranda Vuolasranta, President, European Roma and Travellers Forum (ERTF)

10.45-11.45 Ms Alia El-Yassir, Deputy Regional Director, UN Women Europe and Central Asia Regional Office (tbc)

Ms Ingibjörg Sólrún Gísladótti, Director of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) (tbc)

Ms Irena Moozova, Director, Equality and European Union Citizenship, DG Justice and Consumers, European Commission (tbc)

Ms Gunn-Marit Helgesen, Vice-President of the Chamber of Regions of the Congress of the Council of Europe (tbc)

Ms Evelyn Collins, Chair of the EQUINET Executive Board (tbc)

Mr Charles Ramsden, Vice-Chair of the Council of Europe Gender Equality Commission (GEC)

Questions and answers

Plenary Session 1 - Electoral Quota Systems for Roma/Travellers

Moderator: Mr Robert Rustem, Support Team of the SRSG for Roma Issues, Council of Europe (tbc)

11.45-13.00 Dr Michael Krennerich, Chair in Human Rights and Human Rights Politics, University of Erlangen-Nürnberg, Germany

Mr Tomas Hrustic, elected expert from the Slovak Republic on the Advisory Committee for Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities

Ms Eva Anastasia Crickley, Chairperson UN Committee for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, Vice-President International Association for Community Development, Department of Applied Social Studies, Maynooth University, Ireland

Ms Mirjam Karoly, expert, former Head of the OSCE/ODIHR Contact Point on Roma and Sinti Issues (CPRSI)

Discussion

13.00-14.30

Lunch break

Participants are invited to organise informal meetings between party representatives and Roma and Traveller women during the break

Parallel workshops

14.30-16.00

Workshop 1: Running as candidates on political parties' lists: Sharing experiences and lessons learned (Room 9)

Languages: English-Romani

Chair: Ms Alice Pop, Romania Resident Director, NDI (tbc)

Rapporteur: tbc

Open to all participants (registration required)

Political parties	Past or current candidates	Others
Mr Killion M. Munyama, MP, Platforma Obywatelska (Civic Platform) of Poland and member of the Committee Equality and Non-Discrimination of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe		
Ms Idalia Serrão, MP, Socialist Party of Portugal and Secretary of the Parliament		
Ms Mara-Daniela Calista, MP, National Liberal Party of Romania (PNL)		
		Ms Ágnes Osztolykán, former MP, Lehet Más a Politika Green Party, Hungary (tbc)
		Ms Sarita Jasarova, President of NGO LIL in "The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" (tbc)
	Ms Laura Bosnea, Local Councillor, City of Rîșcani, Republic of Moldova, (tbc)	

14.30-16.00

**Workshop 2: Running as candidates on political parties' lists:
Exploring opportunities and identifying challenges (Room 14)**

Languages: English-French

Chair: tbc

Rapporteur: tbc

Open to all participants (registration required)

Political parties	Past or current candidates	Others
Ms Katju Aro, chair of the Feminist Party of Finland		
Ms Gisèle Wurm, MP, Social Democratic Party of Austria (SPÖ) -		
Ms Gabriela Cretu, MP, Social Democratic Party of Romania (PSD) (tbc)		
		Ms Nawel Rafik Elmrini (Deputy to the Mayor of Strasbourg, responsible for European and International Relations, City of Strasbourg (tbc)
	Ms Anina Ciuciu, Lawyer and candidate to the French Senate (tbc)	
		Mr Gheorge Raducanu, Former MP and Founder of the Party of the Roma in Romania (tbc)

16.00-16.30

Coffee break

Plenary session: presentations and conclusions of the workshops

16.30-17.30

Oral reports by workshop rapporteurs

Discussion

Pledge by political parties on promoting gender equality and participation of Roma and Traveller Women in politics

17:30-18:30

Official signature ceremony

19:00

Reception hosted by (tbc)

Tuesday, 7 November 2017

Plenary Session 2: Empowering and mentoring Roma and Traveller Women: role models

Moderator: Ms Gilda Horwath, Journalist and Roma activist in Austria (tbc)

9.30-11.00 Ms Miranda Vuolasranta, President of the European Roma and Travellers Forum (ERTF)

Ms Natasa Tasic, opera singer

Ms Dana Varga, Advisor of the Prime Minister of Romania (tbc)

Ms Lita Cabellut, Artist, Spain (tbc)

Ms Livia Jaroka, former MEP, EPP Group (tbc)

Ms Victoria Mohachi, former MEP, Alliance of European Liberals and Democrats (ALDE) (tbc)

Discussion

11.00 – 11.30 *Coffee break*

Closing session

12.00 – 13.00 **Conclusions and follow-up**

CoE representative

Closing remarks

Speaker tbc