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Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men

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Hearing on the feminisation of poverty

Paris, Friday 10 March 2006 from 9.30 am to 4 pm

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- 9.30 am Opening by the Chairperson of the Committee, Ms Minodora Cliveti
- 9.35 am Introductory statement by the Rapporteur, Ms Ruth-Gaby Vermot-Mangold
- 9.50 am The feminisation of poverty in Europe ?
Ms Torild Hammer, Senior Researcher, Norwegian Social Research (Norway)

Part I : The process of the feminisation of poverty

- 10.05 am Overview: the causes and the gender-specific dimension of poverty
Ms Virginia Ferreira, University of Coimbra (Portugal)
- 10.25 am Poverty and the economic situation of women (unemployment, part-time work,
training)
NN., representative of the German Federal Institute of Labour
- 10.40 am Questions and debate
- 11 am *Coffee break*
- 11.15 am Women in difficult economic and social situations (single, widowed or divorced
women)
Ms Agnès Dandois, Secretary General of International Association of Charity AIC-
international (to be confirmed)
- 11.30 am Elderly women and the gender-specific impact of the pensions system
Ms Jay Ginn, Department of Sociology, University of Surrey (United Kingdom)
- 11.45 am Discussion
- 12.30 pm Lunch

Part II : Rolling back female poverty

1) Measures to improve the situation of women in poverty

- 2 pm Promoting gender equality in poverty reduction strategies
Ms Damira Sartbaeva, UNIFEM (to be confirmed)
- 2.15 pm Access to child care - the key to impoverished mothers' economic independence
Ms Karine Henrotte-Forsberg, Chairperson of the gender equality grouping of the
INGOs enjoying participatory status with the Council of Europe
- 2.30 pm Discussion

2) Avoiding women falling into the poverty trap

- 3.05 pm The European Union's Lisbon Strategy
Ms Anna Záborská, Chairperson of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender
Equality of the European Parliament; Rapporteur on "Women and poverty in the
European Union" (to be confirmed)
- 3.20 pm National examples of preventive measures aimed at combating female poverty
Ms Catherine Fautrier, Rapporteur for opinion of the Social, Health and Family Affairs
Committee (to be confirmed)
- 3.35 pm Discussion
- 3.50 pm Conclusions by the Rapporteur, Ms Ruth-Gaby Vermot-Mangold
- 4 pm End of the hearing.