

## **Conference of Chairpersons of Human Rights Committees**

□ **Filoxenia” Conference Centre, Nicosia**

***2 - 3 December 2012***

### **DRAFT PROGRAMME**

#### **Sunday, 2 December 2012**

Arrival of participants.

(Hotels: Hilton Cyprus & Hilton Park)

**15.00 - 19.30** Registration at the respective hotels.

**19.30** Departure from hotels for “Famagusta Gate”.

**20.00** Official Dinner hosted by the Chairman of the House Standing Committee on Human Rights and Equal Opportunities for Men and Women, Mr. Sophoclis Fittis, MP and cultural event, at “Famagusta Gate”.

#### **Monday, 3 December 2012**

**08.15** Departure from hotels for “Filoxenia” Conference Centre.

**09.00 - 09.10** Welcome address by H.E The President of the House of Representatives, Mr. Yiannakis L. Omirou.

**09.10 - 09.20** Welcome address by the Chairman of the House Standing Committee on Human Rights and Equal Opportunities for Men and Women, Mr. Sophoclis Fittis, MP.

**09.20 - 09.25** Audiovisual message by the Vice - President of the European Commission, Commissioner on Justice, Fundamental Rights and Citizenship, Mrs. Viviane Reding.

- 09.25**                    ***Session I: The Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU***  
 Address by Mrs Kinga Göncz, Vice-Chair of the Committee on Civil Liberties,  
 Justice and Home Affairs of the European Parliament.  
  
 Debate.
- 11. 00 - 11.20**        Coffee break.
- 11.20**                    ***Session II: The need to reconcile family life and professional activities***  
 Address by the Minister of Labour and Social Insurance,  
 Mrs. Sotiroula Charalambous.  
  
 Debate.
- 13.00**                    End of morning Sessions.  
 Family photo.
- 13.15**                    Lunch at “Yiasemi” restaurant (“Filoxenia” Conference Center).
- 15.00**                    ***Session III: Protecting Human Rights in times of crisis - economic crisis or  
 threats to security***  
 Address by the Assistant Professor in Human Rights Law of the  
 University of Nicosia and member of the European Committee for the  
 Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment of  
 the Council of Europe, Dr. Costas Paraskeva.  
  
 Debate.
- 17.00**                    Conclusion of the Conference.  
 Return to the hotels.
- 19.30**                    Departure by bus from the hotels for the informal dinner.
- 20.00**                    Informal dinner at “Zygos” music tavern.
- 22. 00 (approx.)**      Return by bus to the hotels.