



Congreso de los Diputados



Informe sobre la asistencia a la Conferencia de Presidentes de las Comisiones de Derechos Humanos de los países de la Unión Europea, organizada por la Presidencia chipriota del Consejo de la Unión Europea durante los días 2 y 3 de diciembre de 2012.

El Presidente de la Comisión Constitucional del Congreso de los Diputados, D. Arturo García-Tizón, acompañado por el Letrado de la Comisión, D. Manuel Fraile, asistieron en representación del Congreso de los Diputados.

La delegación hizo un vuelo a Atenas el día 2 de diciembre, en cuyo aeropuerto fueron atendidos por el Consejero de la Embajada de España D. Cristian Font Calderón, hasta el embarque en el vuelo a Carnaka en Chipre. A su llegada les estaba esperando la Consejera de la Embajada de España, D^a Pilar Cuadra, que tras darles una primera explicación sobre la situación política de Chipre, les condujo al hotel donde se hospedarían, el Hotel Hilton Cyprius.

A las 19:30 horas los miembros de la delegación, junto con los de otras delegaciones, fueron conducidos en autobús a "Famagusta Gate", centro cultural situado en una de las puertas de la muralla veneciana de la ciudad antigua donde fueron obsequiados con un concierto y después con una cena ofrecidos por el Presidente de la Comisión Permanente de Derechos Humanos e Igualdad de Oportunidades para hombres y mujeres, Sr. Sophoclis Fittis, que comenzó dirigiéndoles unas breves palabras en las que destacó la mayor preocupación de la República de Chipre, que es la partición de la isla desde la mitad de la ciudad antigua de Nicosia hacia el nordeste ocupada por el ejército turco, en 1974.

En la mañana del día tres comenzó la conferencia en el Centro Filoxenia a las 09:00 horas con unas palabras de bienvenida del Presidente de la Cámara de Representantes de Chipre, Sr. Yiannakis L. Omirou, que fueron leídas en su nombre por el parlamentario Sr. Adamos Adamon. En ellas se introdujeron los temas de las sesiones previstas que se referían a la aplicación de la Carta de Derechos Fundamentales de la Unión Europea, a la necesidad de reconciliar la vida familiar y las actividades profesionales y la protección de los Derechos Humanos en tiempos de crisis.

A continuación pronunció unas palabras de bienvenida el Presidente de la Comisión de Derechos Fundamentales, Sr. Sophoclis Fittis, y se proyectó un mensaje audiovisual de la Vicepresidenta de la Comisión Europea, Comisaria de Justicia, Derechos Fundamentales y Ciudadanía, Sra. Viviane Reding.



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Comenzó la primera sesión referida a la aplicación de la Carta de Derechos Humanos de la Unión Europea, con una exposición del Sr. Kinga Funz, Vicepresidente del Comité de Libertades Públicas, Justicia y Asuntos Internos del Parlamento Europeo.

Después se hizo una pausa y al reanudarse las sesiones se trataron conjuntamente los otros dos puntos con exposiciones de los ponentes, Sr. Sotironla Chavalanbous, Ministro de Trabajo y Seguridad Social, y el Profesor ayudante de Derechos Humanos de la Universidad de Nicosia y miembro del Comité Europeo para la prevención de la tortura del Consejo de Europa, Dr. Costas Pavaskeva.

A continuación, tras breves intervenciones de algunos de los participantes, se realizó la foto de familia de los Presidentes y se tomó un lunch en el propio Centro Filoxenia.

A las 14:30 horas un autobús condujo nuevamente a la delegación al hotel.

La delegación, acompañada por la Consejera, D^a Pilar Cambra, realizó un pequeño paseo por la ciudad para comprobar el fenómeno de la división de la misma entre el Estado Chipriota y la zona ocupada por Turquía, que da lugar a la existencia de un paso de aduana, y en otras partes hay una separación con alambradas y cascos azules de Naciones Unidas de vigilancia.

Al final de la tarde los miembros de la delegación fueron conducidos por la Consejera Sra. Cambra a un restaurante, donde fueron recibidos por la Embajadora, Sra. Solomon, y cenaron con ambas.

Al día siguiente fueron conducidos al aeropuerto por la Embajada y en la escala en Atenas fueron acompañados por representantes de Iberia y recibieron la llamada del Consejero en Atenas, D. Cristian Font, para excusarse y asegurarse de que todo marchaba bien en la conexión.

El vuelo de Iberia llegó a Madrid a las 17:45 h., hora prevista.

Palacio del Congreso de los Diputados, a 18 de diciembre de 2012.

Manuel Fraile Clivilles
LETRADO DE LAS CORTES GENERALES

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
- 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. Sotiroulla 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 EU Special Representative for Human Rights,
Mr. Stavros Lambrinidis (tbc).
- 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.
- 22.00 (approx.)** Return by bus to the hotels.



PRACTICAL INFORMATION NOTE
Conference of the Chairpersons of Human Rights Committees
2 – 3 December 2012

Date and venue

The Conference will be held at the “Filoxenia” Conference Centre, in Nicosia, on 2 - 3 December 2012. The address of the Conference Centre is 17, Thrakis 1311, Aglanjia, Nicosia.

Registration of Participants

All participants are kindly requested to fill in a registration form and return it to hrc@cyparliament2012.eu, **by 2 November 2012**. The form is also available at www.cyparliament2012.eu by clicking on the name of the Conference in the calendar.

Registration

Registration Desks will be located in the main entrance hall of the hotels on the day of arrival, from 3 pm. Identity badges and other material regarding the Conference will be available from these Desks. All participants are kindly requested to wear their identity badges at all times for security reasons and in order to ensure their access to shuttle buses, conference rooms and receptions and/or other events in the programme.

The ribbons of the identity badges correspond to the following categories of participants:

- Blue - Delegates, Members of Parliament
- Green - Delegation Secretaries / Advisors / Staff
- Yellow - Staff of hosting Parliament

Accommodation

Block bookings have been made by the House of Representatives at the following hotels at special rates.

Participants are requested to make their reservations **by 2 November 2012**. Requests for accommodation will be dealt on a first-come-first-served basis and any requests received after this date cannot be guaranteed. Accommodation cost is covered by participants.

All participants are kindly requested to make their own arrangements for accommodation on-line with these hotels:

Hilton Cyprus Hotel (***)**

Archbishop Makarios III Avenue,
1516 Nicosia.

Phone: +357 22 377 777

Fax: +357 22 377 788

website:

http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/N/NICHITW-GHR05-20121201/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

Hilton Park Nicosia (**)**

Griva Dighenis Avenue,
1507 Nicosia.

Phone: +357 22 695 111

Fax: +357 22 351 918

website:

http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/N/NICLEHI-GHOUSD-20121124/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

Arrival and departure

IMPORTANT NOTE: The only legal ports of entry to the Republic of Cyprus are the International Airports of Larnaka and Pafos and the ports of Limassol and Larnaka, which are situated in the Government-controlled area of the Republic.

All participants arriving at the above legal ports of entry of the Republic are kindly requested to make their own arrangements for transportation to the hotels.

The cost of transfer from Larnaka International Airport to Nicosia by taxi is about €50 and from Pafos International Airport to Nicosia is about €120.

Transportation during the Conference

Transportation will be provided from the hotels to the venue of the Conference and vice versa, as well as for all social events included in the programme.

Simultaneous interpretation

Simultaneous interpretation into Greek, English and French will be provided. Participants accompanied by their own interpreters, are kindly requested to notify the Presidency Secretariat at hrcm@cyparliament2012.eu the soonest possible and also indicate their request on the registration form. For this purpose, please note that only three additional translation booths will be available and will be allocated on a strictly first-come-first-served basis.

Documents

Working documents will be regularly updated on the House of Representatives' website (www.cyparliament2012.eu). Final versions will be provided upon registration. Documents will be provided in English and French.

Requests to take the floor

Participants wishing to take the floor are requested to fill in a separate "Request for the floor" card for each Session of the Conference. The cards can be found in the material received upon registration. A separate coloured card will correspond to each agenda item. A list of speakers, based on the cards received by the Presidency Secretariat, will be drawn up by the Chairperson of the Conference and, once the floor is given, speakers can deliver their speeches from their seats.

Services during the Conference

Participants will have access to a working station, equipped with computers, Internet access and Fax machines and all other relevant communication facilities. A WI-FI service will also be available.

Besides coffee breaks, running coffee will also be available in the corridor, outside the Conference room. Food and beverages are not allowed in the Conference room.

Information Desk

An Information Desk will be situated outside the Conference room and will be available to participants for any practical matter, including username and password for WI-FI service.

Press Facilities

Press Facilities will be provided during the Conference. Access will be given to correspondents of national and international press, radio and television, who have already sent their registration forms to the Presidency Secretariat. The Conference will be open to the press.

Medical Service

Medical services will be available during the Conference.

Automated Teller Machine (ATM)

An ATM will be located near the Conference room, in the "CYPRESS MEDIA CENTRE".

Non-smoking policy

Smoking is prohibited in all indoor areas in hotels and all public places.

An outdoor space, outside the "CYPRESS MEDIA CENTRE", can be used by smokers.

Currency

The national currency of the Republic of Cyprus is the Euro.

Weather

The mild Mediterranean winter starts in December. The average lowest temperature is 8°C and the highest is 18°C.

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