

Annex II

Biographical data form of Ms. Violeta NEUBAUER Slovenian candidate to CEDAW

Name and first name: NEUBAUER, Violeta

Date and place of birth: 31 March, 1954, Postojna, Slovenia

Working languages: English, Italian, Croatian, Slovenian

Current position/functions:

- Coordinator for international cooperation, Office of the Government of the Republic of Slovenia for Equal Opportunities
- Member of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women and its Rapporteur

Main professional activities:

- Coordinator for international cooperation, Office of the Government of the Republic of Slovenia for Equal Opportunities, 1992- present
- Member of national/government consultative, co-ordinating and other bodies, including the Inter-sectoral working group on action against trafficking in human beings and Inter-sectoral Human Rights Commission
- Member of regional and international/intergovernmental organisations, including of the Council of Europe Steering committee for equality between women and men and its Ad hoc Committee instructed to prepare the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence

Educational background:

1973 – 1977 Studied Sociology at Faculty of Social Sciences, the Ljubljana University, Ljubljana, Slovenia

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned:

- Founder and member of national non-governmental organisations, including of the Coalition for gender balanced participation in public decision-making, Association Ključ - Centre on fight against trafficking in human beings and Association for the Promotion of Women in Culture - City of Women
- Promotion of adequate understanding of the nature and meaning of the international gender equality standards through participation in various meetings, round tables and seminars at national, regional and international level
- Expert assistance to state parties to the CEDAW Convention in their reporting obligations and implementation of the Committee's recommendations and of the views on the communications considered under the Optional Protocol procedures

- Raising awareness of NGOs and independent human rights institutions on their monitoring and advocacy roles in reporting under the CEDAW Convention, and full and timely implementation of recommendations adopted by the CEDAW Committee
- Member of national delegations participating at the Fourth World Conference on Women and regional and global follow up process, at European ministerial and other international conferences on gender equality, and of national delegations presenting reports under the human rights treaties
- Advocacy for overcoming under-representation of women in political and public decision-making and expert assistance in developing, implementing, monitoring and evaluating actions and measures to increase the participation of women in elected and appointed assemblies
- Consultancy in gender equality projects, including legislative initiatives, in Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Moldova, Serbia, Montenegro, Ukraine and Uzbekistan
- Papers presented and speeches delivered at numerous conferences on gender equality and participation in meetings of groups of experts aimed to contribute to development of recommendations or guidelines for accelerating the achievement of gender equality in specific substantive areas.

List of most recent publications in the field:

Shared decision-making, 5♀/5♂ campaign for elections to European Parliament, special supplement to Delo, Slovene Daily newspaper, 2009, *co-editor and co-author*; *Positive actions to promote equal representation of women and men in civil service*, paper for the seminar organized by the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission), 2006; *Women and Politics in Slovenia*, paper prepared for the "Handbuch des politischen Systems Sloweniens", Schriftenreihe des Oesterreichischen Ost- und Suedosteuropa-Instituts, 2006.