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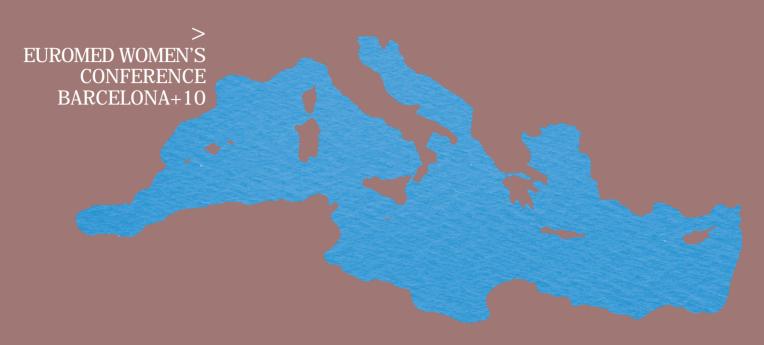
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OBJECTIVES. The goals of the Euromed Women's Conference Barcelona +10 are to promote the active role of women in the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership and to emphasise the need to introduce the gender perspective when defining Euro-Mediterranean policies.

PLANNED OUTCOMES. The expected outcomes of the Conference are:

- to establish a Women's Forum to ensure women's participation in the guidance of Euromed policies;
- to adopt a series of conclusions at the end of the gathering that will be presented as a contribution to the Euro-Mediterranean Conference on Gender Equality being organised by the European Commission in 2006.

CONTENTS. The Euromed Women's Conference Barcelona+10 will discuss on the three main working areas of the Barcelona Process:

Women's rights as a guarantee of human rights, of deepening democracy, and as a vector for a more cohesive society.

Women's contributions for achieving sustainable development on a microand macro-economic level.

Women's access to training, education and culture as a means for improving employment, competitiveness and active citizenship.

PARTICIPANTS. Prominent representatives in the field of gender policies from the 35 countries of the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership will participate (the 25 EU member states and the 10 Mediterranean partners). Likewise, experts and personalities from civil society in the social, economic and cultural domains from the Barcelona Process member states will also take part.

Representatives from Euro-Mediterranean institutions, bodies and networks are also invited.

ORGANISERS. The Conference has been organised at the initiative of the Government of Catalonia, in collaboration with the Spanish Government, the Barcelona Provincial Council, the Barcelona City Council and the European Commission.

> PROGRAMME

Thursday, 24 November 2005

14.00 h	Arrival of participants and registration Welcome informal lunch
15.00 h	> OPENING CEREMONY
	Josep Bargalló, First Minister of the Catalan Government Celestino Corbacho, President of the Barcelona Provincial Council Pilar Vallugera, Councillor on Women and Civil Rights. Barcelona City Council
	Josep Borrell, President of the European Parliament and of the Mediterranean Parliamentary Assembly
15.45 h	> WORKING SESSION: WOMEN'S RIGHTS AS A GUARANTEE OF HUMAN RIGHTS, OF DEEPENING DEMOCRACY, AND AS A VECTOR FOR A MORE COHESIVE SOCIETY
17.15 h	Break
17.30 h	> WORKING SESSION: WOMEN'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO ACHIEVING MORE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT ON A MICRO- AND MACRO-ECONOMIC LEVEL
19.00 h	End of session
20.30 h	Dinner

Friday, 25 November 2005

14.00 h

Lunch

09.30 h	> WORKING SESSION: WOMEN'S ACCESS TO TRAINING, EDUCATION AND CULTURE AS A MEANS FOR IMPROVING EMPLOYMENT, COMPETITIVENESS AND ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP
11.30 h	Break
12.00 h	CONCLUSIONS
13.00 h	CLOSING CEREMONY
	Pasqual Maragall, President of the Catalan Government Joan Clos, Mayor of Barcelona Benita Ferrero-Waldner, Member of the European Commission responsible for External Relations and European Neighbourhood Policy