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Women's Forum

Kiev, 30 October 2017 - Following the meeting of the Euronest PA Women's Forum today in Kiev, Ms Clare Moody MEP (UK, SD) and Ms Malahat Ibrahimgizi (Azerbaijan), Coordinators of the Forum, stated:

On behalf of the women of the Euronest Parliamentary Assembly, we stress the importance of the gender dimension within the Eastern Partnership framework.

We welcome that gender equality, non-discrimination and women empowerment are among the 2020 deliverables in view of the 5th Eastern Partnership Summit to be held in Brussels on 24 November 2017.

We consider this an important step forward and we call on the Heads of State and Government to approve concrete actions during the Summit and to continue to pay attention to the issue, *inter alia*, by fighting negative gender stereotypes, bridging pay gaps between men and women, and declaring zero tolerance for any type of gender-based violence or harassment. In this last respect, we applaud the decision of the EU to sign the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (the Istanbul Convention) and we urge all partners who signed it to ratify and implement fully its provisions.