



**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.