



**EWL New Branch on Violence against Women
European Policy Action Centre on VAW
Update October 2007**

The proposal to set up a new branch of EWL on VAW, allowing getting core funding to support and develop the EWL Observatory was presented at the Board meeting in May 07. After discussion, the Board took the following decision:

- The proposal to create a new “branch” (aisbl) of EWL on violence against women to apply for funding was adopted with the following change: the Board of the new structure should comprise 7 members (and not 5).
- Composition of the working group to draft the statutes of the new structure: Therese Murphy, Iliana Stoycheva, Mika Ioannidou, Marsha Scott, Ludovica Tranquilli-Leali, Colette De Troy

The working group did a great work to draft the statutes of the new structure, considering the tight schedule (30 May-20 June), format of discussions (through an email list) and the differences in the legal context. The proposed draft statutes have been submitted to the Executive on 20 June, discussed and amended (20-30 June) and adopted in the beginning of July. The act has been passed to the notary and sent to the Ministry of Justice for approbation, then to the official publication. The new structure is now officially recognised as a legal entity (aisbl = international non-profit association). You can access the statutes (in French) on the official Belgian website:

http://www.ejustice.just.fgov.be/tsv_pdf/2007/10/08/07146214.pdf

The present Board members are:

Kirsti Kolthoff*, Tanja Auvinen*, Marsha Scott*, Myria Vassiliadou* and Grainne Healy (Chair of the Observatory).

* : The statutes indicate that the President and Treasurer of EWL, the Board-Observatory liaison person and the EWL Secretary General are ex-officio full members of the association and members of the Board and that the Board will comprise a minimum of 5 and a maximum of 7 members.