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To the members of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination

Synopsis of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 22, 23, 24 and 25 April 2013

The Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, meeting in Strasbourg from 22 to 25 April 2013, with Ms Tina Acketoft (Sweden, ALDE) in the Chair,

- on Monday 22 April 2013 from 2 to 3.00 pm, as regards:
 - ***The situation of women in Algeria***: held an exchange of views with the participation of Ms Louisa Chachoua, Chair of the Committee on Health, Social Affairs, Labour and National Solidarity of the Council of the Nation, Ms Saadia Nouara Djaafar, member of the Council of the Nation and former Minister responsible for Family and Women, Ms Hafida Hamedi, member of the National People's Assembly and Ms Yasmina Benabid, member of the National People's Assembly.

- on Tuesday 23 April from 8.30 to 10.00 am, as regards:
 - ***Ending discrimination against Roma children*** (*Rapporteur: Ms Nursuna Memecan, Turkey, ALDE*): took a unanimous position in favour of the amendment and asked its Chair to propose that it should be declared as adopted by the Assembly, according to Rule 33.11 of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure;
 - ***Gender equality in the countries of the former Yugoslavia*** (*Rapporteur: Mr Jean-Charles Gardetto, Monaco, EPP/CD*): following an exchange of views and at the request of the delegations concerned, decided to ask for the report to be sent back to the Committee;
 - ***Request for partner for democracy status with the Parliamentary Assembly submitted by the Parliament of the Kyrgyz Republic*** (*Rapporteur for opinion: Ms Bernadette Bourzai, France, SOC*): heard a statement by the Rapporteur and held an exchange of views with members of the Parliament of the Kyrgyz Republic: Ms Asiya Sasykbaeva, Vice-Speaker, Mr Almazbek Baatyrbekov, Mr Nurgazy Aidarov and Mr Daniyar Terbishaliev;

- **Appointment of representatives:** appointed
 - Mr José Mendes Bota (Portugal, EPP/CD) and Ms Federica Mogherini Rebesani (Italy, SOC) to participate in the parliamentary seminar on the Istanbul Convention to be held in Baku on 7 May 2013 ;
 - Mr Robert Biedroń (Poland, SOC) to participate in the 5th International Conference on the right of the child and of the adolescent to his/her sexual orientation and gender identity, organised by the Institut Universitaire Kurt Bösch (IUKB) in Sion (Switzerland), in collaboration with the Council of Europe on 2-4 May 2013;
 - Ms Carmen Quintanilla Barba (Spain, EPP/CD) to participate in the next meeting of the Committee of Experts on the Rights of People with Disabilities (CS-RPD) which will be held on 12-14 June 2013 in Strasbourg;
 - Ms Iryna Gerashenko (Ukraine, EPP/CD) to participate in the meeting of the Commission on Gender Equality (GEC), which will be held from 13 to 15 November 2013 in Strasbourg.
- **on Tuesday 23 April 2013 from 2.00 to 3.30 pm, as regards:**
 - **Parental leave as a way to foster gender equality** (*Rapporteur: Mr Andrea Rigoni, Italy, ALDE*): considered a draft report and unanimously adopted a preliminary draft resolution;
 - **Tackling racism in the police** (*Rapporteur: Mr David Davies, United Kingdom, EDG*): considered a revised memorandum;
 - **Co-operation with the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)**: held an exchange of views with Mr Ioannis Dimitrakopoulos, Head of Department, Equality and Citizens' Rights, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights;
 - **References to the Committee:**
 - unanimously decided that no follow-up should be given to the motion on "Visa policy – protection of public order or discrimination on the basis of nationality?" (Doc. 13003);
 - decided to postpone the appointment of a rapporteur on "A strategy to prevent racism and intolerance in Europe" (Doc. 13131) to its next meeting;
 - **Membership of sub-committees:** approved the changes to the membership of sub-committees as they appear in Appendix I.
- **on Thursday 25 April 2013 from 2.00 to 3.30 pm, as regards:**
 - **Tackling discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity** (*Rapporteur: Mr Håkon Haugli, Norway, SOC*): considered a preliminary draft report;
 - **Addressing age discrimination on the labour market** (*Rapporteur: Ms Sahiba Gafarova, Azerbaijan, EDG*): considered a revised memorandum and held an exchange of views with Ms Anne Sonnet, Senior Analyst of Employment, Analysis Division and Employment Policy, Directorate for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD);
 - **Other business:** authorised Mr Ferenc Kalmár (Hungary, EPP/CD) to conduct a fact-finding visit to Finland, for the preparation of a report on the situation and rights of traditional national minorities in Europe;
 - **Dates and places of the next meetings of the Committee:** decided to hold its next meetings as follows:

- Paris, 24 May 2013;
- Strasbourg, during the 3rd part-session 2013 of the Assembly (24-28 June);
- Madrid, 16-17 September 2013 (subject to the Bureau's authorisation, failing this the meeting will be held in Paris on 12-13 September 2013);
- Strasbourg, during the 4th part-session 2013 of the Assembly (30 September – 4 October),
- Paris, 5-6 December 2013.

The Parliamentary Network “Women Free from Violence”, meeting in Strasbourg on 24 April 2013 jointly with the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, with Mr Mendes Bota (Portugal, EPP/CD) and Mr Giacomo Santini (Italy, EPP/CD) as Co-Chairs, held a hearing on *Prostitution and trafficking* with the participation of Ms Gabriella Battaini-Draconi, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe, Ambassador Tatiana Pârnu, Permanent Representative of Moldova to the Council of Europe and Thematic Coordinator on Equality and Trafficking, and as guest speakers: Mr Simon Häggström, police officer from the Prostitution Unit of the Stockholm Police (Sweden), Ms Ilonka Stakelborough, founder of Stichting Geisha, trade union for sex workers (the Netherlands) and Iva, a victim of human trafficking.

The Sub-committee on the rights of minorities, meeting in Strasbourg on 25 April 2013 from 8.30 to 9am, first with Mr Boriss Cilevičs (Latvia, SOC) oldest member present, and then Ms Athina Kyriakidou (Cyprus, SOC), in the Chair, as regards:

- **Election of the Bureau of the Sub-Committee:** elected Ms Athina Kyriakidou (Cyprus, SOC), Chairperson, by acclamation, and postponed the election of the Vice-Chairperson to its next meeting;
- **Work programme:** decided to follow-up on the Assembly resolution 1927 (2013) on Ending discrimination against Roma children and to develop cooperation with other international organisations working on the protection of minorities (EU, OSCE, UN);
- **Next meeting:** decided to hold its next meeting during the 3rd part-session 2013 of the Assembly (24 – 28 June) in Strasbourg.

The Sub-committee on racism and xenophobia meeting jointly with the Sub-committee on Media and Information Society (of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media) in Strasbourg on 25 April 2013, with Ms Sahiba Gafarova (Azerbaijan, EDG) and Ms Deborah Bergamini (Italy, EPP/CD) as Co-Chairs, as regards:

- **Hate speech – Council of Europe campaign “no hate speech movement: young people for human rights online”:** heard a presentation by Mr André-Jacques Dodin, Head of Division for Intergovernmental Co-operation, Youth Department, Directorate General of Democracy, Council of Europe and held an exchange of views with Mr Jan Malinowski, Head of Media, Information Society, Data Protection and Cybercrime Department, Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe;
- **Next meeting:** left it to the Chairpersons to decide the date and place of the respective next meetings.

Sonia Sirtori, Marine Trévisan, Giorgio Lodo, Elodie Fischer, Géraldine Grenet

cc.: Secretary General of the Assembly
Director General, Directors and all staff of the Secretariat of the Assembly
Secretaries of National Delegations and of Political Groups of the Assembly
Secretaries of observer and partner for democracy delegations
Secretary General of the Congress
Secretary to the Committee of Ministers
Directors General
Director of the Private Office of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe
Director of the Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights
Director of Communication
Permanent Representations to the Council of Europe.

APPENDIX I**Sub-committee on gender equality / Sous-commission sur l'égalité de genre
List of members/ Liste des membres (28 seats / 28 sièges)****Chairperson / Présidente :**

Ms Fatiha SAÏDI (Belgium / Belgique, SOC)

Vice Chairperson / Vice-Président(e) :

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4.	Belgium / <i>Belgique</i>	Ms Fatiha SAÏDI	Ms Cindy FRANSSSEN
5.	Cyprus / <i>Chypre</i>	Ms Athina KYRIAKIDOU	Mr Nicos NICOLAIDES
6.	Finland / <i>Finlande</i>	Ms Riitta MYLLER	
7.	France	Mme Marie-Jo ZIMMERMANN	Mme Bernadette BOURZAI
8.	Greece / <i>Grèce</i>	Ms Theodora TZAKRI	
9.	Ireland / <i>Irlande</i>	Ms Katherine ZAPPONE	Mr Michael McNAMARA
10.	Luxembourg	Mme Lydia MUTSCH	
11.	Monaco	Mme Béatrice FRESKO-ROLFO	
12.	Netherlands / <i>Pays-Bas</i>	Mr Michiel SERVAES	Ms Marjolein FABER-VAN DE KLASHORST
13.	Poland / <i>Pologne</i>	Mme Elzbieta RADZISZEWSKA	
14.	Portugal	Mr José MENDES BOTA	
15.	Romania / <i>Roumanie</i>	Mrs Ana BIRCHALL	Mr Corneliu Mugurel COZMANCIUC
16.	Serbia / <i>Serbie</i>	Ms Aleksandra DJUROVIĆ	
17.	Slovenia / <i>Slovénie</i>	Ms Andreja ČRNAK MEGLIČ	
18.	Sweden / <i>Suède</i>	Ms Carina HÄGG	
19.	Switzerland / <i>Suisse</i>	Mr Gerhard PFISTER	
20.	Turkey / <i>Turquie</i>	Ms Gülsün BİLGEHAN	
21.	United Kingdom / <i>Royaume-Uni</i>	Baroness Judith WILCOX	Ms Sandra OSBORNE

Ex officio: Ms Tina Acketoft (Chairperson of the Committee, Sweden / *Présidente de la Commission, Suède*).

**Sub-committee on racism and xenophobia /
Sous-commission sur le racisme et la xénophobie**

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5.	France	M. Frédéric REISS	Mme Josette DURRIEU
6.	Greece / Grèce	Ms Maria GIANNAKAKI	Ms Theodora TZAKRI
7.	Latvia / Lettonie	Mr Boriss CILEVIČS	
8.	Monaco	M. Christian BARILARO	Mme Béatrice FRESKO-ROLFO
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12.	Turkey / Turquie	Ms Ahmet Kutalmış TÜRKEŞ	Ms Tülin ERKAL KARA
13.	United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni	Mr David DAVIES	Mr Paul FLYNN

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Sous-commission sur les droits des minorités**

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