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

Synopsis of the meeting held in Strasbourg from 27 to 29 January 2015

The Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, meeting in Strasbourg from 27 to 29 January 2015, first with Ms Guguli Magradze (Georgia, SOC), oldest member present, and then with Ms Gülsün Bilgehan (Turkey, SOC) in the Chair, as regards:

- on Tuesday 27 January 2015, from 9.30 to 10 am:
 - **Election of the Bureau of the Committee:** elected by acclamation:
 - Ms Gülsün Bilgehan (Turkey, SOC) as Chairperson,
 - Ms Carmen Quintanilla (Spain, EPP/CD) as First Vice-Chairperson,
 - Mr Jonas Gunnarsson (Sweden, SOC) as Second Vice-Chairperson,
 - Ms Elvira Kovács (Serbia, EPP/CD) as Third Vice-Chairperson;
 - **Equality and non-discrimination in the access to justice** (*Rapporteur: Mr Viorel Riceard Badea, Romania, EPP/CD*): heard a statement by the rapporteur and held a hearing with the participation of Mr Stéphane Leyenberger, Secretary of the European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice (CEPEJ);
- on Tuesday 27 January 2015, from 2 to 3.30 pm:
 - **Discrimination against transgender persons in Europe** (*Rapporteur: Ms Deborah Schembri, Malta, SOC*): heard a statement by the rapporteur on her fact-finding visit in London (9 December 2014) and considered a revised preliminary draft report ;
 - **Appointment of rapporteur:** appointed Ms Sahiba Gafarova (Azerbaijan, EC) for report on “Promoting best practice in tackling violence against women”, tabled by Mr José Mendes Bota (Portugal, EPP/CD) and other members of the Assembly;
 - **Appointment of representatives:** appointed Mr Boriss Cilevičs (Latvia, SOC) to participate in the meetings of the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI) as representative and Ms Milena Santerini (Italy, NR) as substitute for 2015;
 - **Consideration of a motion referred for information:** considered the motion for a resolution on “Rising Islamophobia in Europe” tabled by Ms Tülin Erkal Kara (Turkey, EC) and other members of the Assembly;

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- **Reporting back:** heard a statement by Ms Milena Santerini (Italy, NR) on her participation at the International Seminar “A policy response towards inclusive education; Introducing Roma history teaching into school curricula”, in Roma, on 11 and 12 December 2014;
- **Sub-committees:** reconstituted the sub-committees on gender equality, on the rights of minorities and on disability and inclusion and approved their composition as in the Appendix;
- **Other business:** authorised Ms Milena Santerini (Italy, NR) to conduct a fact-finding visit to Germany in the framework of the preparation of her report on “Recognising and preventing neo-racism”;
- **on Wednesday 28 January 2015, from 2 to 3.30 pm:**
 - **Equality and the crisis** (*Rapporteur: Mr Nikolaj Villumsen, Denmark, UEL*): took position on the amendments that had been tabled to the draft resolution and asked its Chair to propose that the three amendments which were unanimously approved should be declared as adopted by the Assembly, according to Rule 34.11 of the Assembly’s Rules of Procedure;
 - **Equality and shared parental responsibility: the rights of fathers** (*Rapporteur: Ms Françoise Hetto-Gaasch, Luxembourg, EPP/CD*): considered a memorandum and held a hearing with the participation of:
 - Mr Leslie Shaw, former applicant to the European Court of Human Rights in the case Shaw v. Hungary,
 - Mr Grégory Thuan Dit Dieudonné, Attorney-at-Law, Strasbourg ;
- **on Thursday 29 January 2015, from 8.30 to 10 am:**
 - **No Hate Parliamentary Alliance :**
 - officially launched the No Hate Parliamentary Alliance in the presence of:
 - Ms Anne Brasseur, President of the Parliamentary Assembly,
 - Ms Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe,
 - held an exchange of views on combating anti-Semitism in Europe with the participation of:
 - Mr Maurice Sosnowski, Chairperson of the Coordination Committee of Jewish Organisations in Belgium;
 - Ms Snežana Samardžić-Marković, Director General, Directorate General for Democracy, Council of Europe,
 - Ms Jane Braden-Golay, President of the European Union of Jewish students;
- **on Thursday 29 January 2015, from 2 to 3.30 pm:**
 - **Tackling intolerance and discrimination in Europe with a special focus on Christians** (*Rapporteur: Mr Valeriu Ghilețchi, Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD*): took position on the amendments and oral sub-amendments to the draft resolution;
 - **Equality and inclusion for people with disabilities** (*Rapporteur: Ms Carmen Quintanilla, Spain, EPP/CD*) : took note that no amendments to the draft resolution and draft recommendation had been tabled;
 - **Appointment of representatives:**
 - appointed Ms Gülsün Bilgehan (Turkey, SOC) to participate in the interparliamentary committee meeting “Empowering women and girls through education” organised by the European Parliament’s Committee on Women’s Rights and Gender Equality (FEMM) at the European Parliament in Brussels on 5 March 2015 (*at no cost to the Assembly*);
 - took note that Ms Carmen Quintanilla (Spain, EPP/CD) and Ms Sahiba Gafarova (Azerbaijan, EC) would participate in the 59th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) to be held in New York on 9 to 20 March 2015, and relevant side events, (*at no cost to the Assembly*);
 - appointed Ms Athina Kyriakidou (Cyprus, SOC) to attend a celebration event of the Committee of Experts of the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages in Strasbourg on 17 March 2015 (*at no cost to the Assembly*);

- **Václav Havel Human Rights Prize:** heard a statement by the Chairperson;
- **Date and place of the next meetings of the committee:** decided to hold its next meetings as follows:
 - Paris, 19 March 2015, meeting of the No Hate Parliamentary Alliance;
 - Paris, 20 March 2015;
 - Strasbourg, during the 2nd Part-Session 2015 of the Assembly (20-24 April);
 - Paris, 1 June 2015;
 - Strasbourg, during the 3rd Part-Session 2015 of the Assembly (22-26 June);
 - Paris, 10 September 2015;
 - Strasbourg, during the 4th Part-Session 2015 of the Assembly (28 September-2 October);
 - Paris, 1 December 2015.

Elise Cornu, Giorgio Loddo and Yanna Parnin

Cc.: Secretary General of the Assembly
Director General, Directors and all staff of the Secretariat of the Assembly
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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
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APPENDIX

Sub-committee on gender equality *Sous-commission sur l'égalité de genre*

List of members/ *liste des membres* (28 seats / 28 sièges)

Chairperson / *Président(e)*

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Vice-Chairperson / *Vice-président(e)*

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Members / *Membres*

Alternates / *Remplaçants*

1.	Ms Sahiba GAFAROVA	Azerbaijan / Azerbaïdjan	
2.	Ms Silvia Eloïsa BONET PEROT	Andorra / Andorre	
3.	Ms Gisela WURM	Austria / Autriche	
4.	Mr Piet De BRUYN	Belgium / Belgique	Ms Cindy FRANSSEN
5.	Ms Ingrid ANTIČEVIĆ MARINOVIĆ	Croatia / Croatie	
6.	Ms Athina KYRIAKIDOU	Cyprus / Chypre	Mr Nicos NICOLAIDES
7.	Ms Soňa MARKOVÁ	Czech Republic / République tchèque	
8.	Ms Riitta MYLLER	Finland / Finlande	
9.	Mr Michael McNAMARA	Ireland / Irlande	
10.	Ms Maria Edera SPADONI	Italy / Italie	Ms Elena CENTEMERO
11.	Mme Françoise HETTO-GAASCH	Luxembourg	M. Yves CRUCHTEN
12.	Mme Béatrice FRESKO-ROLFO	Monaco	
13.	Ms Snezana JONICA	Montenegro	
14.	Ms Marit MAIJ	Netherlands / Pays-Bas	Ms Marjolein FABER-VAN DE KLASHORST
15.	Ms Elzbieta RADZISZEWSKA	Poland/Pologne	
16.	Ms Florina-Ruxandra JIPA	Romania	Ms Ana BIRCHALL
17.	Ms Aleksandra DJUROVIĆ	Serbia / Serbie	
18.	Mr Jonas GUNNARSSON	Sweden / Suède	
19.	Mr Gerhard PFISTER	Switzerland / Suisse	
20.	Ms Tülin ERKAL KARA	Turkey/Turquie	
21.	Mr Andrii LOPUSHANSKYI	Ukraine	Ms Mariia IONOVA
22.	Ms Sandra OSBORNE	United Kingdom / Royaume-Uni	

Ex officio: Ms Gülsün BİLGEHAN (Chairperson of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination / *Présidente de la Commission sur l'égalité et la non-discrimination*)

Sub-committee on the rights of minorities
Sous-commission sur les droits des minorités

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4.	Ms Athina KYRIAKIDOU	Cyprus / Chypre	Mr Nicos NICOLAIDES
5.	Ms Pirkko MATTILA	Finland / Finlande	
6.	Ms Melita MULIĆ	Croatia / Croatie	
7.	Mme Josette DURRIEU	France	Mme Pascale CROZON
8.	Mr Bernd FABRITIUS	Germany / Allemagne	
9.	Ms Catherine NOONE	Ireland / Irlande	
10.	Mr Ferdinando AIELLO	Italy / Italie	Ms Milena SANTERINI
11.	Mr Boris CILEVIČS	Latvia/ Lettonie	
12.	M. Christian BARILARO	Monaco	
13.	Mr Valeriu GHILETCHI	Republic of Moldova/ République de Moldova	
14.	Mr Damir SEHOVIC	Montenegro / Monténégro	
15.	Mr Pieter OMTZIGT	Netherlands / Pays-Bas	Mr Malik AZMANI
16.	Mr Viorel-Riceard BADEA	Romania/ Roumanie	Mr Corneliu-Mugurel COZMANCIUC
17.	Ms Elvira KOVACS	Serbia	
18.	Ms Lotta JOHANSSON FORNAVE	Sweden / Suède	Ms Boriana ÅBERG
19.	Mr Gerhard PFISTER	Switzerland / Suisse	M. Eric VORUZ
20.	Ms Tülun ERKAL KARA	Turkey/ Turquie	
21.	Ms Svitlana ZALISHCHUK	Ukraine	Mr Pavlo UNGURYAN

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Sub-committee on disability and inclusion
Sous-commission sur le handicap et l'inclusion

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9.	Mr Maria NEACȘU	Romania / Roumanie	
10.	Mr. Matjaž HANŽEK	Slovenia / Slovénie	
11.	Ms Carmen QUINTANILLA BARBA	Spain / Espagne	
12.	Mr Alfred HEER	Switzerland / Suisse	Mr Gerhard PFISTER
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