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

Synopsis of the meeting held in Paris on 19 and 20 March 2015

The Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, meeting in Paris on 19 and 20 March 2015, with Ms Gülsün Bilgehan (Turkey, SOC) in the Chair, as regards:

- on Thursday 19 March 2015, from 9.30 am to 5:30 pm, meeting of the No Hate Parliamentary Alliance:
 - **Council of Europe's No Hate Speech Movement:** held an exchange of views with the participation of national coordinators of the Movement:
 - Mr Jan Dabkowski, Poland,
 - Mr Bruno del Mazo de Unamuno, Spain,
 - Mr Eirik Rise, Norway;
 - **Racism, intolerance and hate speech in the Council of Europe member States:** held a round table and heard statements by the members of the Alliance on the main challenges and priorities in their countries in countering racism, intolerance and hate speech ;
 - **Freedom of expression and hate speech:** held a hearing with the participation of Mr Nicolas Hervieu, lecturer at Université Panthéon-Assas (Paris);
 - **Follow-up to Resolution 2031 (2015) of the Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly on "Terrorist attacks in Paris: together for a democratic response":** held an exchange of views on the activities of the No Hate Parliamentary Alliance and its contribution to the follow-up to Resolution 2031 (2015);
 - **Next meeting:** agreed to leave it to the Chairperson to decide on the date and place of the next meeting at a later stage;
- on Friday 20 March 2015, from 9.30 am to 5:30 pm:
 - **Equality and non-discrimination in the access to justice (Rapporteur: Mr Viorel Riceard Badea, Romania, EPP/CD):** approved a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution, as amended;
 - **Discrimination against transgender persons in Europe (Rapporteur: Ms Deborah Schembri, Malta, SOC):** approved a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution;
 - **Assessing the impact of measures to improve women's political representation (Rapporteur: Ms Elena Centemero, Italy, EPP/CD):** considered an outline for a report and held an exchange of

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views with Ms Réjane Sénac, CNRS Research Fellow, Chairperson of the Committee on Parity in politics, administration and in the economic and social life of the High Gender Equality Council (France) ;

- **Equality and shared parental responsibility: the rights of fathers** (*Rapporteur: Ms Françoise Hetto-Gaasch, Luxembourg, EPP/CD*): heard a statement by the rapporteur on meetings held in Luxembourg on 27 February 2015 and held a hearing with the participation of:
 - Professor Hildegund Sünderhauf-Kravets, Faculty of social sciences, Protestant University of Nuremberg; and
 - Ms Anne Solaz, Research fellow, National Institute for Demographic Studies (INED), Paris ;
- **Promoting best practices in tackling violence against women** (*Rapporteur: Ms Sahiba Gafarova, Azerbaijan, EC*): considered an outline for a report;
- **Systematic collection of data on violence against women** (*Rapporteur: Ms Maria Edera Spadoni, Italy, NR*): considered an outline for a report and authorised the rapporteur to conduct a fact-finding visit to Spain;
- **Recognising and preventing neo-racism** (*Rapporteur: Ms Milena Santerini, Italy, SOC*): heard a statement by the rapporteur on her fact-finding visit to Germany (2-3 March 2015);
- **Follow-up to Resolution 2031 (2015) of the Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly on "Terrorist attacks in Paris: together for a democratic response"**: held an exchange of views on its activities and contribution to the follow-up to Resolution 2031 (2015);
- **Appointment of rapporteurs:**
 - appointed Mr Philipp Mißfelder (Germany, EPP/CD) for report on "Promoting Roma inclusion", subject to hearing from him a declaration on conflict of interest,
 - appointed Ms Marit Maij (the Netherlands, SOC) for opinion on "Evaluation of the Partnership for Democracy in respect of the Palestinian National Council (follow-up to Resolution 1969 (2014))" and heard from her a declaration on the absence of conflicts of interest;
- **Reporting back:** heard statements by:
 - Ms Athina Kyriakidou (Cyprus, SOC) on her participation to the celebration event of the Committee of Experts of the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages, in Strasbourg, on 17 March 2015,
 - Ms Sahiba Gafarova (Azerbaijan, EC) and Ms Carmen Quintanilla (Spain, EPP/CD) on their participation to the 59th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), in New York, from 9 to 20 March 2015 ;
- **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:
 - 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.

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