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To the members of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development

Synopsis of the meeting held in VARA (Sweden) on 29 and 30 November 2015

The Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize (of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development), meeting in Vara (Sweden), with Mr Axel E. Fischer (Germany, EPP/CD), Chairperson, in the Chair:

- **on Sunday, 29 November 2015:**

- participated in the official presentation ceremony of the Europe Prize 2015 to the town of Vara, in the presence of local and regional authorities, local associations and schools, representatives of twinned towns and the local population, and heard statements by:
 - Mr Fredrik Nelander, Mayor of Vara;
 - Mr Axel E. Fischer, Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize;
 - Mr Dirk Hilbert, Mayor of the City of Dresden, co-winning city of the Europe Prize 2015;

- **on Monday, 30 November 2015:**

- participated in an informal ceremony with the presentation of honorary diplomas to schools, in the presence of principals, teachers and pupils representing the international school councils in Vara municipality, and heard statements by:
 - Mr Fredrik Nelander, Mayor of Vara;
 - Mr Axel E. Fischer, Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize who presented diplomas to schools;
- agreed to hold its next meeting during the first part-session 2016 of the Assembly, 25-29 January 2016, Strasbourg (*date to be confirmed*).

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