



## FOR THE ATTENTION OF MEMBERS OF THE SOCIAL, HEALTH AND FAMILY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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**The Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee**, meeting in Paris on Tuesday, 22 March 2011, with Ms Maury Pasquier (Switzerland, SOC), in the Chair:

As regards:

- *Safeguarding children and young people from obesity and type 2 diabetes* (Rapporteur: Mr Hancock, United Kingdom, ALDE): approved the new title of the report, as indicated above, considered a draft report, amended and unanimously adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation with a view to presenting the report to the Assembly at the April part-session;
- *Combating poverty* (Rapporteur: Mr Volontè, Italy, EPP/CD): considered a draft report, amended and unanimously adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation with a view to presenting the report to the Assembly at the April part-session;
- *Over-indebtedness of States: a danger for democracy and human rights* (Rapporteur: Mr Hunko, Germany, UEL): considered a preliminary draft opinion and decided to come back to the issue at its meeting on 11 April in Strasbourg;
- *Council of Europe campaign to stop sexual violence against children*: heard a statement by the Chairperson, and decided to hold the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the contact parliamentarians on 13 April 2011 in Strasbourg, and a Sub-Committee on Children meeting open to contact parliamentarians in Kyiv, Ukraine, on 24-25 May 2011 on the occasion of the International conference organised in the framework of the Ukrainian Chairmanship of the Council of Europe Committee of Ministers on "Combating violence against children: from isolated actions to integrated strategies" (*subject to authorisation by the Bureau*);
- *Committee's work programme*:
  - ✓ appointed Ms Maury Pasquier (Switzerland, SOC) rapporteur for report on "Putting an end to coercive sterilisations and castrations";
  - ✓ appointed Ms Ohlsson (Sweden, SOC) rapporteur for report on "The role of parliaments in the consolidation and development of social rights in Europe";

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- ✓ appointed Mr Barbi (Italy, ALDE) rapporteur for report on “Unfair economic competition by third countries: social dumping”;
  - ✓ decided to postpone the appointment of a rapporteur on “Towards a Council of Europe Convention to combat trafficking in organs, tissues and cells of human origin” to its meeting at the April part-session;
  - ✓ appointed Mr Flynn (United Kingdom, SOC) rapporteur for opinion on “Nanotechnologies, a new danger to the environment”;
  - ✓ and heard declarations on the absence of any conflict of interest by the Rapporteurs, who were given copies of the code of conduct;
- heard a statement by Ms Ohlsson (Sweden, SOC) who took part in the 1st seminar on the Reform of the European Social Charter, Helsinki, 8 February 2011 and by Mr Flynn (United Kingdom, SOC) who took part in the Workshop on "H1N1 influenza pandemic: Which lessons to learn for a better EU Management and EU coordination with Member States?", European Parliament, Brussels, 9 February 2011;
  - considered the replies of the Committee of Ministers to the Recommendations on:
    - “Children who witness domestic violence”
    - “The handling of the H1N1 pandemic: more transparency needed”

and instructed the Chairperson to write a letter to the Bureau on the latter reply, considered unsatisfactory by the Committee;

- *Combating child pornography as part of the campaign to stop sexual violence against children (working title)*: organised a hearing and held an exchange of views with the participation of:
  - Mr Conde Bajén (Spain, EPP/CD), rapporteur
  - Mr Arturo Canalda, Ombudsman for Children of the Community of Madrid
  - Ms Cristiana De Paoli, Save the Children Italia, Head of Unit for Children and New Media
  - Mr Frédéric Malon, Chief superintendent, Head of the OCRPV (Central Office for the Prevention of Violence against Individuals), Central Directorate of the Criminal Investigation Department, France

**Resuming its meeting on Wednesday, 23 March 2011**, with Ms Maury Pasquier (Switzerland, SOC) in the Chair:

- *Health hazards of heavy metals* (Rapporteur: Mr Huss, Luxembourg, SOC): considered a revised introductory memorandum;
- *Decent pensions for all in the wake of the economic and financial crisis* (Rapporteur : Mr Jacquat, France, EPP/CD) : approved the new title of the report, as indicated above, considered an outline report, and prepared a hearing to be held during the April 2011 part-session of the Assembly (Thursday, 14 April 2011, at 8.30 am);
- *Unaccompanied children in Europe: issues of arrival, stay and return* (Rapporteur: Ms Coleiro Preca, Malta, SOC): considered and approved a draft opinion including six amendments to the report tabled by the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population;
- *Reform of the Parliamentary Assembly*: heard a statement by the Chairperson, held an exchange of views and prepared the Committee’s opinion with a view to adopting it during the April part-session;
- *Changes in the composition of sub-committees*: approved the following changes: Mr Van der Maelen (Belgium, SOC) as new alternate of the Sub-Committee on Children, Mr Vercamer (Belgium, EPP/CD) as new member of the Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter and Employment, Mr Hancock (United-Kingdom, ALDE) as member of the Sub-Committee on Children;
- *What can Europe do for children in the aftermath of natural disasters and crisis situations: the example of Haiti*: held an exchange of views with the participation of:
  - Ms Hostalier (France, EPP/CD), rapporteur
  - Mr Michel Forst, UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of Human Rights in Haiti
  - Ms Isabelle Moussard-Carsen, Desk Officer in charge of the mission in Haiti, Action contre la faim (Action Against Hunger)

- Mr Pierre Salignon, Director General for Humanitarian Action, Médecins du Monde France (Doctors of the World)
  - Mr Pierre Poupard, Senior Emergency Coordinator, UNICEF headquarters
- *Forum for the Future of Democracy*: decided to appoint five members to the Ad Hoc Committee of the Bureau at its next meeting during the April 2011 part-session, and suggested that one of these members act as General Rapporteur for the Forum in view of the subject-matter;

- *Date and place of the next meetings*: decided to hold its next meetings as follows:

Plenary committee:

- Thursday, 19 May 2011, Paris (Council of Europe office);
- Third part-session 2011 of the Assembly, 20-24 June 2011, Strasbourg;
- Friday, 16 September 2011, Paris (Council of Europe office);
- Fourth part-session 2011 of the Assembly, 3-7 October 2011, Strasbourg;
- Friday, 18 November 2011, Paris (Council of Europe office).

Sub-Committee on Children:

- 24-25 May 2011, on the occasion of the International conference organised in the framework of the Ukrainian Chairmanship of the Council of Europe Committee of Ministers on “Combating violence against children: from isolated actions to integrated strategies”, in Kyiv, Ukraine (*subject to authorisation by the Bureau*).

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**The Sub-Committee on Health** meeting in Paris on 23 March 2011 with Mr Flynn (United Kingdom, SOC), senior member present elected Chairperson, in the Chair:

As regards:

- *Election of the Sub-Committee's Bureau*: elected Mr Flynn Chairperson by acclamation;
- *Health hazards of heavy metals*: held an exchange of views on “The dangers of the use of mercury in dental care” with the participation of:
  - Mr Huss (Luxembourg, SOC), rapporteur
  - Professor Michel Goldberg, researcher at the INSERM (French national institute for health and medical research) and representative of the French Dental Association (ADF)
  - Ms Marie Grosman, University Lecturer in life and earth sciences, Chemical and Toxicology Association (ATC)
- *Its next meeting*: left it to the Chairperson to convene the next meeting which could possibly be held on the occasion of the Ministerial Conference on “Child-friendly health care: building a healthy future for and with children” in Lisbon on 29-30 September 2011 (*subject to authorisation by the Bureau and the availability of funds*).

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