



## 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 Strasbourg on Tuesday morning, 21 June 2011, with Ms Maury Pasquier (Switzerland, SOC), in the Chair:

As regards:

- *Living together in 21st-century Europe: follow-up to the report of the Group of Eminent Persons of the Council of Europe* (Rapporteur for opinion: Ms Kaufer, Hungary, SOC): considered and unanimously approved an opinion including one amendment;

- *Committee's work programme:*

*Appointment of rapporteurs:* appointed Ms Kaufer (Hungary, SOC), rapporteur on "The impact of increasing social exclusion on democratic institutions and participation: need for strong action" and heard from her a declaration of absence of a conflict of interest;

*Appointment of committee representatives to external events:* appointed:

- ✓ Mr Ayva (Turkey, EPP/CD), to take part in the Committee of Experts on participation of people with disabilities in political and public life (CAHPAH-PPL), Strasbourg, 22-24 June 2011 (*at no cost to the Assembly*);
- ✓ Mr Baghdasaryan (Armenia, ALDE) to take part in the Meeting of the Current Affairs Committee of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe, Yerevan, Armenia, 29 June 2011 (*at no cost to the Assembly*);
- ✓ Mr Volontè (Italy, EPP/CD), to take part in the Stakeholder Conference on "The Rights of the Volunteer", Brussels, on 7 and 8 September 2011 (*at no cost to the Assembly*);
- ✓ Mr Ayva (Turkey, EPP/CD) to take part in the 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the European Co-ordination Forum for the Council of Europe Disability Action Plan 2006-2015 (CAHPAH), Strasbourg, 21-23 September 2011 (*subject to the availability of funds*);

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- cc. Secretary General of the Assembly  
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Secretaries of National Delegations to the Assembly  
Secretaries of Political Groups of the Assembly  
Observers to the Assembly  
Secretary General of the Congress  
Secretary to the Committee of Ministers  
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Director of the Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights  
Director of Communication  
Permanent Representations to the Council of Europe

- *Combating “child pornography” as part of the campaign to stop sexual violence against children* (Rapporteur: Mr Conde Bajén, Spain, EPP/CD): in the absence of the rapporteur, held an exchange of views with Ms Bissera Zankova, representative of the Steering Committee on Media and New Communication Services (CDMC);

**Resuming its meeting on Tuesday, 21 June 2011, in the afternoon**, with Ms Maury Pasquier (Switzerland, SOC) in the Chair:

- *Reversing the sharp decline in youth employment* (Rapporteur for opinion: Ms Karamanli, France, SOC): considered and unanimously approved an opinion, including 11 amendments;
- *Putting an end to coercive sterilisations and castrations* (Rapporteur: Ms Maury Pasquier, Switzerland, SOC): prepared the hearing to be held in Paris in the afternoon of 16 September 2011;
- *Reform of the Parliamentary Assembly*: heard a statement by the Chairperson, held an exchange of views, and asked the Chairperson to put forward one amendment regarding the title of the proposed new Committee;

**Resuming its meeting on Wednesday, 22 June 2011**, with Ms Maury Pasquier (Switzerland, SOC) in the Chair:

- *3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Network of Contact Parliamentarians to stop sexual violence against children*:
  - . held an exchange of views on “Solicitation of children through the Internet for sexual purposes (“grooming”)” with Ms Carina Ohlsson, contact parliamentarian for Sweden, and Ms Ulrika Rogland, Senior public prosecutor (Sweden);
  - . held an exchange of views on the progress of the Council of Europe ONE in FIVE Campaign with Ms de Boer-Buquicchio, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe;

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

- *The role of parliaments in the consolidation and development of social rights in Europe* (Rapporteur: Ms Ohlsson, Sweden, SOC): took position on the amendments tabled;
- *Unfair economic competition by third world countries: social dumping* (Rapporteur: Mr Barbi, Italy, ALDE): in the absence of the rapporteur, considered an outline report;
- *Update on the ONE in FIVE Campaign to stop sexual violence against children*: heard a statement by the Chairperson on the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Network of Contact Parliamentarians to stop sexual violence against children which took place in Strasbourg the day before, decided to ask the Bureau to authorise an appeal for voluntary contributions in support of the parliamentary dimension of the Council of Europe ONE in FIVE Campaign from national parliaments and/or governments for the years 2012 and 2013;

- *Committee’s work programme (continued)*

*Appointment of rapporteurs*: appointed:

- ✓ Ms Rupprecht (Germany, SOC) rapporteur on “Intercountry adoption: ensuring that the best interests of the child are upheld” and heard from her a declaration of absence of a conflict of interest;
- ✓ Ms Karamanli, (France, SOC), rapporteur for opinion on “The activities of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in 2010-2011” *in absentia*;

*Appointment of committee representatives to external events*: appointed:

- ✓ Ms Rupprecht (Germany, SOC) (and, in case of unavailability of the appointee, Ms Andersen (Norway, UEL)) to take part in the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Committee of the Parties to the Council of Europe Convention on the protection of children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse, Strasbourg, 20-21 September 2011;

- ✓ Mr Schennach (Austria, SOC) to take part in the Regional conference on “Stopping sexual violence against children”, Zagreb, Croatia, 27-28 October 2011;

*Reports from committee representatives to external events:* heard a statement by Mr Ayva (Turkey, EPP/CD) who took part in the European Conference on the "Implementation of the Council of Europe Action Plan to promote the rights and full participation of people with disabilities in society 2006 - 2015", Odessa, Ukraine, 30-31 May 2011;

- *Reply from the Committee of Ministers:* considered the reply of the Committee of Ministers to the Recommendation 1934 (2010) on “Child abuse in institutions: ensure full protection of the victims” and heard a statement by Ms Rupprecht (Germany, SOC), former rapporteur;

- *Sub-Committee on Children:* heard a statement by Ms Ohlsson, Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on the meeting held on 24-25 May 2011 in Kyiv, Ukraine, on the occasion of the international conference on “Combating violence against children: from isolated actions to integrated strategies”, organised in the framework of the Ukrainian Chairmanship of the Council of Europe Committee of Ministers in cooperation with the State Service for Youth and Sport of Ukraine, the UN Secretary-General’s Special Representative on Violence against Children and UNICEF;

- *Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter and Employment:* in the absence of the Sub-Committee’s Chairperson, was informed of the Sub-Committee’s decision to hold a special meeting on 6 October 2011 at 2 pm to mark the anniversary year of the European Social Charter by the Chairperson of the Plenary Committee, and endorsed that decision;

- *Exchange of views with Ambassador Licari:* held an exchange of views with Ambassador Licari, in his capacity as President of the Rapporteur Group on Social and Health Questions (GR-SOC) of the Committee of Ministers, on subjects of common interest in the social affairs and health fields;

- *Other business:* approved the following changes in Sub-Committee membership:

✓ Ms Coleiro Preca (Malta, SOC) gave up her seat as a member of the Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter and Employment and becomes an alternate in the Sub-Committee on Health;

✓ Ms Grozdanova (Bulgaria, EPP/CD) becomes a member of the Sub-Committee on Children;

- *Date and place of next meetings:*

Plenary committee:

- 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, Florence, Italy.

Network of Contact parliamentarians to stop sexual violence against children:

- Wednesday, 5 October 2011, Strasbourg (*to be confirmed*);
- Thursday, 17 November 2011, Florence, Italy.

Sub-Committee on Children:

- Sunday, 20 November and Monday, 21 November 2011, Monaco (*to be confirmed, subject to authorisation by the Bureau*).

Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter and Employment:

- Thursday, 6 October 2011, Strasbourg (*to be confirmed*).

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**The Sub-Committee on European Social Charter and Employment**, meeting in Strasbourg on 23 June 2011 with Mr Ayva (Turkey, EPP/CD) in the Chair:

As regards:

- *Celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the European Social Charter of 1961 and of the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Revised European Social Charter of 1995*: held an exchange of views with Mr Kristensen, Deputy Head of the Department of the European Social Charter, Deputy Executive Secretary of the European Committee of Social Rights, on past and future events, and decided to organise an event open to civil society and the media on 6 October 2011 from 2 to 3 pm 2011 in Strasbourg to mark the anniversary year;
- *Date and place of next meeting*: 6 October 2011, Strasbourg.

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