



**FOR THE ATTENTION OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL AFFAIRS,
HEALTH AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

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The Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, meeting in Strasbourg on Monday, 23 April 2012, with Ms Maury Pasquier (Switzerland, SOC) in the Chair:

As regards:

- *Austerity measures – a danger for democracy and social rights* (Rapporteur: Mr Hunko, Germany, UEL): considered a draft report;
- *Committee's work programme*: approved a motion for a resolution on "Children in detention" with a view to its tabling;
- *Other business*: approved the following changes in the composition of its Sub-Committees:

In the Sub-Committee on Environment and Energy, as Spain no longer has a full member, Mr Conde (Spain, EPP/CD) is becoming a full member instead of an alternate;

In the Sub-Committee on Public Health, as Italy no longer has a full member, Mr Farina (Italy, SOC) is becoming a full member instead of an alternate;

Resuming its meeting on Tuesday, 24 April 2012 in the afternoon with Ms Maury Pasquier (Switzerland, SOC) in the Chair:

- *7th meeting of the PACE network of contact parliamentarians to stop sexual violence against children*: held a meeting on the theme "Obligation to report suspected sexual violence against children?", was presented with the results of the ECPRD survey on the "obligation to report suspicion of sexual exploitation or sexual abuse against children", and held an exchange of views with the participation of:

- Mr Johannes-Wilhelm Rörig, Independent Representative on Questions of Sexual Abuse of Children (Germany)
- Ms Deirdre Clune, Contact parliamentarian for Ireland
- Ms Catherine Bonnet, Psychiatric Consultant for children and adolescents in France and the United Kingdom

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- held an exchange of views with Ms Maud de Boer-Buquicchio, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe, on the “Achievements and prospects of the ONE in FIVE Council of Europe Campaign”;

Resuming its meeting on Wednesday, 25 April in the afternoon with Ms Maury Pasquier (Switzerland, SOC) in the Chair:

- *The young generation sacrificed: political, social, economic and other consequences of the financial crisis* (Rapporteur: Mr Volontè, Italy, EPP/CD): approved the new title “The young generation sacrificed: social, economic and political consequences of the financial crisis”, considered an introductory memorandum and held an exchange of views with the participation of Ms Snežana Samardžić-Marković, Director General, Council of Europe Directorate General of Democracy;

- *Austerity measures – a danger for democracy and social rights* (Rapporteur: Mr Hunko, Germany, UEL): decided by majority vote to postpone the adoption of the draft resolution to its next meeting in Paris on 22 May 2012;

- *The impact of the world economic crisis on local and regional authorities* (Rapporteur: Sir Alan Meale, United Kingdom, SOC): approved the new title “The impact of the economic crisis on local and regional authorities in Europe”, considered a revised draft report and adopted a draft resolution;

- *Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize*: heard a report by the Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on its meeting in Berlin on 29 March 2012 and approved the proposals submitted by the Sub-Committee for the different prizes;

Resuming its meeting on Thursday, 26 April 2012 in the afternoon with Ms Maury Pasquier (Switzerland, SOC) in the Chair:

- *Promoting an appropriate policy on tax-havens* (Rapporteur: Mr Van der Maelen, Belgium, SOC): took position on the amendments tabled;

- *Decent pensions for all* (Rapporteur: Mr Jacquat, France, EPP/CD): took note that no amendments had been tabled;

- *Sub-Committee on Environment and Energy*: heard a statement by the Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on its meeting in Strasbourg on 24 April 2012;

- *Sub-Committee on Social and Economic Rights*: heard a statement by the Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on its meeting in Strasbourg on 24 April 2012;

- *Sub-Committee on Public Health*: heard a statement by the Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on its meeting in Strasbourg on 26 April 2012 and agreed to the proposals made;

- *Restoring social justice through a tax on financial transactions* (Rapporteur: Ms Naghdalyan, Armenia, ALDE): considered an outline report and held an exchange of views;

- *Committee’s work programme*:

. appointed the following rapporteurs:

- ✓ General Rapporteur on Children: Ms Rupprecht (Germany, SOC) for the time-period April 2012 - April 2013 and Ms Kyriakidou (Cyprus, EPP/CD) for the time-period April 2013 – April 2014;

. for opinion:

- ✓ Violence on television and its consequences on children: Ms Blondin (France, SOC);
- ✓ The idea of Big Society, development of subsidiarity and common good: Earl of Dundee (United Kingdom, EDG);

- and heard from them a declaration on the absence of a conflict of interest;

- heard a declaration on the absence of a conflict of interest from Mr Ghilechi for his rapporteurship accorded in the January part-session on “Fighting ‘child sex tourism’ through committed legal and political action”;

. appointed the following representative to:

- ✓ 25th Meeting of the European Committee for social cohesion (CDCS), Strasbourg, 9-10 May 2012: Ms Ohlsson (Sweden, SOC);

- *Date and place of next meetings:*

Plenary committee:

- Tuesday, 22 May 2012 in Paris (Council of Europe office);
- Third part-session 2012 of the Assembly, 25-29 June 2012, Strasbourg;
- Friday, 7 September 2012, Paris (Council of Europe office);
- Fourth part-session 2012 of the Assembly, 1-5 October 2012, Strasbourg.

Sub-Committees:

- Sub-Committee on Environment and Energy, Wednesday morning, 23 May 2012, Paris (Council of Europe office).

PACE network of contact parliamentarians to stop sexual violence against children:

- Third part-session 2012 of the Assembly, June 2012, Strasbourg (date to be determined);
- Fourth part-session 2012 of the Assembly, October 2012, Strasbourg (date to be determined);.

The Sub-Committee on Environment and Energy, meeting in Strasbourg on Tuesday, 24 April 2012 with Ms Marin (France, EPP/CD), in the Chair:

- *Sub-Committee work programme*: held an exchange of views;
- *Follow-up to the 6th World Water Forum*: heard a statement by Mr Marquet on his participation in this event and took note of the parliamentary statement adopted during the Forum;
- *Preparations for the "Rio+20" United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development*, Rio de Janeiro (Brazil), 20-22 June 2012: held an exchange of views;
- *Date and place of next meeting*: Wednesday morning, 23 May 2012 in Paris (Council of Europe office).

The Sub-Committee on Social and Economic Rights, meeting in Strasbourg on Tuesday, 24 April 2012 with Ms Ohlsson (Sweden, SOC) in the Chair:

- *Sub-Committee work programme*: held an exchange of views;
- *Follow-up to be given to Assembly reports related to social rights adopted in 2011*: held an exchange of views;
- *Implementation of the European Social Charter*: held an exchange of views;
- *Intergovernmental work on social cohesion*: held an exchange of views and supported the possible appointment, by the plenary Committee, of its Chairperson to attend the upcoming meeting of the European Committee on Social Cohesion (CDCS) on 9-10 May 2012;
- *Date and place of next meeting*: to be determined, possibly jointly with the September meeting of the plenary Committee.

The Sub-Committee on Public Health, meeting in Strasbourg on Thursday, 26 April 2012, with the Earl of Dundee (United Kingdom, EDG) in the Chair:

- *“Equal access to health care” (working title)*: held an exchange of views with the participation of Prof. Guy Schlaeder, President of the International Professional Union of Gynecologists and Obstetricians, and proposed to the Plenary Committee to invite Mr Douste-Blazy, Chair of the Executive Board, UNITAID, to the meeting of the Committee in Paris on 22 May 2012;

- *Sub-Committee work programme*: held an exchange of views;

- *Date and place of next meeting*: during the 4th part-session 2012 of the Assembly in October.

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