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

### Synopsis of the meeting held in Berlin on 14-15 March 2013

The Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, meeting in Berlin, on Thursday 14 March 2013, with Mr Valeriu Ghilechi (Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD), first Vice-Chairperson, in the Chair, with regard to:

- **12<sup>th</sup> meeting of the PACE network of contact parliamentarians to stop sexual violence against children on the theme of “National strategies to fight sexual violence against children”:**
  - heard speeches of welcome from Mr Valeriu Ghilechi (Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD), First Vice-Chairperson of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, and Mr Markus Löning, German Federal Government Commissioner for Human Rights Policy and Humanitarian Aid;
  - heard introductory speeches from:
    - Ms Anica Djamić, Thematic Coordinator on Children of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe;
    - Ms Marlene Rupprecht, German contact parliamentarian and General Rapporteur for Children of the Parliamentary Assembly;
    - Mr Clemens Lammerskitten, Vice-President of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe;
  - heard a keynote speech from Mr Johannes-Wilhelm Rörig, Independent Representative on Questions of Sexual Abuse of Children (Germany) on the national strategy to fight sexual violence against children and the campaign “No room for abuse”, and held an exchange of views with him;
  - heard a speech from Mr Norbert Lammert, President of the German Bundestag;
  - heard thematic presentations and held exchanges of views with:
    - **On the theme of national child protection strategies and mechanisms:**
      - Mr Hermann Kues, Parliamentary State Secretary to the German Federal Ministry for Family, the Elderly, Women and Youth;
      - Ms Lydie Err, Mediator of Luxembourg;
    - **On the theme of the importance of close cooperation between different stakeholders for fighting sexual violence against children:**
      - Ms Leda Koursoumba, Commissioner for Children’s Rights of Cyprus and Chairperson of the European Network of Ombudspersons for Children (ENOC);

- Ms Erika Georg-Monney, Representative of German youth associations in the National Coalition for the implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child in Germany;
- Mr Matthias Katsch, Victim support initiative *Eckiger Tisch*;
- **On the theme of complementary action undertaken in the framework of national child protection strategies:**
  - Mr Klaus Beier, Professor at the university hospital *Charité* in Berlin: Presentation of the network “Kein Täter werden” (“don’t offend”);
  - Mr Bragi Guðbrandsson, Director General of the government agency for child protection (Iceland): Child-friendly justice and services: the example of “children’s houses”;

**Meeting on Friday 15 March 2013 with Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier (Switzerland, SOC), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:**

- Paid tribute to Mr Bernard Marquet (Monaco, ALDE), former Vice-Chairperson of the Committee, who had left the Assembly, and took note that the election of a new Vice-Chairperson would take place during its meeting in April 2013;
- **Parliaments united in combating sexual violence against children: mid-term review of the ONE in FIVE Campaign** (*Rapporteur: Ms Sílvia Eloïsa Bonet Perot, Andorra, SOC*): considered a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft recommendation as amended, with a view to presenting the report for debate in the Assembly during the 2<sup>nd</sup> part-session 2013 (22-26 April 2013);
- **Fighting “child sex tourism” through committed legal and political action** (*Rapporteur: Mr Valeriu Ghiletschi, Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD*): considered a draft report, unanimously adopted a draft resolution, with a view to presenting the report for debate in the Assembly during the 2<sup>nd</sup> part-session 2013 (22-26 April 2013), and upon the Rapporteur’s proposal, decided to change the title to “Fighting “child sex tourism””;
- **Putting an end to coercive sterilisations and castrations** (*Rapporteur: Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier, Switzerland, SOC*): considered a revised introductory memorandum;
- **Children’s right to physical integrity** (*Rapporteur: Ms Marlene Rupprecht, Germany, SOC*): held an exchange of views on the basis of an introductory memorandum with the participation of Ms Irmingard Schewe-Gerigk, Chairperson of the Executive Board of the NGO *Terre des Femmes*;
- **Energy diversification as a fundamental contribution to sustainable development** (*Rapporteur: Ms Doris Barnett, Germany, SOC*): held a hearing on the basis of an introductory memorandum with the participation of:
  - Mr Didier Houssin, Director for Sustainable Energy Policy and Technology of the International Energy Agency;
  - Dr Patrick Graichen, Deputy Director of *Agora Energiewende* (‘energy rebound’);
  - Mr Andreas Jung, Managing Director of the German Energy Agency (*Deutsche Energie-Agentur GmbH (dena)*);
- **Committee’s work programme and priorities:**
  - **Consideration of draft motions for a resolution/recommendation with a view to adoption by the Committee for tabling:** approved the following texts for submission to the Table Office:
    - *Protecting patients and public health against undue influence of the pharmaceutical industry;*
    - *The inclusion of children’s rights in national constitutions as an essential component of effective national child policies;*
    - *Effectively combating the adverse consequences of dirty money;*

- **Appointment of rapporteurs:** appointed rapporteurs (for report) as follows:
  - *The World Beyond 2015 - Europe's contribution to the post MDG Framework:* Sir Alan Meale (United Kingdom, SOC);
  - *Food security:* Mr Fernand Boden (Luxembourg, EPP/CD);

And heard a declaration on the absence of a conflict of interests from Mr Boden;

- **Appointment of Committee representatives to external events:** designated its representatives as follows:
  - Session of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities, Strasbourg, 19-21 March 2013: Sir Alan Meale (United Kingdom, SOC);
  - 9<sup>th</sup> ILO European Regional Meeting on “Jobs, growth and social Justice”, Oslo, 8-11 April 2013: Mr Stefaan Vercamer (Belgium, EPP/CD), rapporteur on decent work, or Mr Valeriu Ghiletschi (Moldova, EPP/CD), in case of Mr Stefaan Vercamer not being available;
  - European Committee on Local and Regional Democracy (CDLR), Strasbourg, 11-12 April 2013: Sir Alan Meale (United Kingdom, SOC);
- Authorised Mr Tuur Elzinga (the Netherlands, UEL), rapporteur on the activities of the Council of Europe Development Bank (CEB), to carry out a fact-finding visit to the CEB offices in Paris and to attend the CEB's annual meeting on 14-15 June 2013 in Malta (*subject to the receipt of an invitation*);
- **Reply of the Committee of Ministers:** took note of the replies of the Committee of Ministers to PACE recommendations on:
  - The underground economy: a threat to democracy, development and the rule of law;
  - The young generation sacrificed: social, economic and political implications of the financial crisis;
  - Decent pensions for all;
- **Monitoring the implementation of social rights:** agreed to organise, in 2013, two parliamentary capacity-building seminars on the cases of non-conformity with the European Social Charter, notably regarding the working conditions of young workers (under the age of 18) and the protection of children and teenagers from child pornography (*subject to the availability of funds*);
- **The abuse by social services of member States of the Council of Europe of their authority to remove children from their parents' custody** (*Rapporteur: Ms Olga Borzova, Russian Federation, EDG*): upon the Rapporteur's proposal, decided to change the title to “Social services in Europe: legislation and practice of the removal of children from their families in Council of Europe member States”;
- **Constitution of its Sub-Committees:** approved the changes in its Sub-Committees as follows:

#### **Sub-Committee on Environment and Energy**

Ms Stella Kyriakides (Cyprus, EPP/CD) became member;  
 Mr Serhiy Sobolev (Ukraine, EPP/CD) became member;  
 Mr Valeriy Sudarenkov (Russian Federation, SOC) became alternate to Mr Vyacheslav Timchenko, member;

#### **Sub-Committee on Public Health**

Mr Philippe Blanchart (Belgium, SOC) became alternate to Ms Cindy Franssen;  
 Mr Christian Barilaro (Monaco, ALDE) became member (in replacement of Mr Bernard Marquet);

## **Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter**

Mr Jean-Charles Allavena (Monaco, EPP/CD) became member (in replacement of Mr Bernard Marquet) and Ms Béatrice Fresko-Rolfo (Monaco, EPP/CD) became alternate;

- Decided to seize the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission) on the following question: “How can children’s rights be included in national constitutions with a view to thus promoting their effective implementation?”
- Set up an ad hoc Sub-Committee to take part in a parliamentary conference on the implementation of the ONE in FIVE Campaign to be held in Baku (Azerbaijan) at the end of the first semester 2013 [*date to be confirmed; subject to authorisation by the Bureau of the Assembly*] and appointed the following parliamentarians as members: Ms Silvia Bonet Perot (Andorra, SOC), Mr Valeriu Ghiletschi (Moldova, EPP/CD), Mr Zbigniew Girzyński (Poland, NR), Mr Mike Hancock (United Kingdom, ALDE), Mr Łukasz Zbonikowski (Poland, NR), leaving open the possibility of appointing further members at its meeting during the April part-session;
- Took note of the letter by Mr Latchezar Toshev, Vice-Chairperson of the Bulgarian delegation to PACE, and agreed that concerns raised would be covered in the report under preparation on “Energy diversification as a fundamental contribution to sustainable development”;

### ***Date and place of next meetings***

#### ***Plenary Committee:***

- Second part-session 2013 of the Assembly (22-26 April 2013), Strasbourg;
- Monday, 3 June 2013, Paris (Office of the Council of Europe);
- Third part-session 2013 of the Assembly (24-28 June 2013), Strasbourg;
- Monday, 9 September 2013, Paris (Office of the Council of Europe);
- Fourth part-session 2013 of the Assembly (30 September- 4 October 2013), Strasbourg;
- Monday, 2 December 2013, Paris (*to be confirmed*).

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

- Wednesday, 24 April 2013, 2-3.30 pm, Strasbourg (*to be confirmed*);
- Third part-session 2013 of the Assembly, 24-28 June 2013, Strasbourg (*date to be confirmed*);
- Fourth part-session 2013 of the Assembly, 30 September – 4 October 2013, Strasbourg (*date to be confirmed*).

Tanja Kleinsorge, Aiste Ramanauskaite, Maren Lambrecht-Feigl, Ayşegül Elveriş, Jannick Devaux

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cc: Secretary General of the Assembly  
Director General, Directors and all staff of the Secretariat of the Assembly  
Secretaries of National Delegations and of Political Groups of the Assembly  
Secretaries of observer and partner for democracy delegations  
Secretary General of the Congress  
Secretary to the Committee of Ministers  
Directors General  
Director of the Private Office of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe  
Director of the Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights  
Director of Communication  
Permanent Representations to the Council of Europe