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

### Synopsis of the meeting held in Strasbourg from 22 to 25 April 2013

The Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, meeting in Strasbourg with Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier (Switzerland, SOC), Chairperson, Mr Valeriu Ghiletschi (Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD), Vice-Chairperson and Mr Ioannis Dragasakis (Greece, UEL) Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter in the Chair, as regards:

- on Monday, 22 April 2013 at 2 pm :
  - **Election of the Vice-Chairperson of the Committee:** elected by acclamation Mr Igor Kolman (Croatia, ALDE) third Vice-Chairperson;
  - **Young people's access to fundamental rights** (*Rapporteur for opinion: Mr Luca Volontè, Italy, EPP/CD*): approved a draft opinion and unanimously adopted the five amendments presented by the rapporteur;
  - **Social services in Europe: legislation and practice of the removal of children from their families in Council of Europe member States** (*Rapporteur: Ms Olga Borzova, Russian Federation, EDG*): considered an outline report and authorised a fact-finding visit to Finland, Romania and the United Kingdom, requested by the Rapporteur in the framework of her report;
  - **The administrative organisation of large metropolises: a key to strengthening local democracy in Europe** (*Rapporteur: Mr Jeffrey Donaldson, United Kingdom, EDG*): in the absence of the Rapporteur, considered an introductory memorandum and authorised a fact-finding visit to London (United Kingdom), requested by the Rapporteur in the framework of his report and upon the Rapporteur's proposal, decided to change the title to "**Good governance of large metropolises**";
- on Tuesday, 23 April 2013 at 2 pm, as regards:
  - **Energy diversification as a fundamental contribution to sustainable development** (*Rapporteur: Ms Doris Barnett, Germany, SOC*): approved and declassified the minutes of the hearing held in Berlin on 15 March 2013;
  - **Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize:** approved the proposals submitted by the Sub-Committee for the different prizes and decided to ask for an increase in the prize money for the scholarship which is a part of the Europe Prize;
  - **Parliaments united in combating sexual violence against children: mid-term review of the ONE in FIVE Campaign** (*Rapporteur: Ms Sílvia Eloísa Bonet Perot, Andorra, SOC*): took note that no amendments had been tabled for consideration;
  - **Fighting "child sex tourism"** (*Rapporteur: Mr Valeriu Ghiletschi, Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD*): took note that no amendments had been tabled for consideration;

- ***Putting an end to coercive sterilisations and castrations*** (*Rapporteur: Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier, Switzerland, SOC*): held an exchange of views on the basis of a draft report with the participation of:
  - Mr Maciej Zaremba, journalist (Sweden);
  - Ms Veronica Pimenoff, Psychiatrist, Head of Department of Helsinki University Psychiatric Hospital (Finland);
- **on Wednesday, 24 April 2013, at 2 pm**, as regards:
  - ***13<sup>th</sup> meeting of the PACE Network of Contact Parliamentarians to stop sexual violence against children:***
    - approved and declassified the minutes of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 22 January 2013;
    - heard a statement by Ms Gabriella Battaini-Dragnoni, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe, on the progress of the Council of Europe ONE in FIVE Campaign;
    - held an exchange of views on the theme “Sexual abuse of children by their peers” with the participation of:
      - Ms Franny Parren, advocacy officer at *Rutgers WPF* (Netherlands);
      - Ms Ruth Ennis, board member of *YouAct* and the coordinating affiliate of the Y-SAV (Youth Sexual Aggression and Victimisation) project (Ireland);
    - prepared the 14<sup>th</sup> Network meeting, to be held jointly with the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media, during the June part-session of the Assembly (24-28 June 2013), on “Child sexual abuse in sport”;
- **on Thursday, 25 April 2013, at 2 pm**, as regards:
  - ***Parental leave as a way to foster gender equality*** (*Rapporteur for opinion: Ms Carina Ohlsson, Sweden, SOC*): approved a draft opinion and unanimously adopted the three amendments presented by the rapporteur as orally sub-amended by the rapporteur herself;
  - ***Nanotechnology: balancing benefits and risks to public health and the environment*** (*Rapporteur: Mr Valeriy Sudarencov, Russian Federation, SOC*): took position on the amendments tabled;
  - ***Putting an end to coercive sterilisations and castrations*** (*Rapporteur: Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier, Switzerland, SOC*):
    - approved and declassified the minutes of the exchange of views held in Strasbourg on 23 April;
    - authorised the addition, as an Appendix to the final explanatory memorandum, of a dissenting opinion by the Czech delegation of a maximum of 2 pages, to be submitted by 17 May 2013;
    - considered a revised draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution in view of presenting them for debate in the Assembly during the 3rd part-session 2013 (24-28 June 2013);
  - ***Equal access to health care*** (*Rapporteur: Mr Jean-Louis Lorrain, France, EPP/CD*): heard a statement by the Chairperson, Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier (Switzerland, SOC) on the fact-finding visit to Greece (11-13 April 2013) in the framework of Mr Lorrain’s report;
  - ***Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter:*** heard a report by Mr Ioannis Dragasakis, Sub-Committee Chairperson, on its meeting in Strasbourg on 25 April 2013 and approved its decisions;

- **Changes to the membership of Sub-Committees:** approved the changes in its Sub-Committees as follows:

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

Mr Zoran Vukčević (Montenegro, SOC) became the alternate of Mr Predrag Sekulić;  
Mr Joris Backer (Netherlands, ALDE) became the alternate of Ms Ankie Broekers-Knol;

Mr Ionuț-Marian Stroe (Romania, ALDE) became a member and Mr Ioan Ghișe (Romania, ALDE) his alternate;

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

Mr Christian Barilaro (Monaco, ALDE) became a member (in replacement of Mr Bernard Marquet);

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

Mr Roel Deseyn (Belgium, EPP/CD) became a member (in replacement of M. Stefaan Vercamer)  
Mr Christian Barilaro (Monaco, ALDE) became the alternate of Mr Jean-Charles Allavena;

#### **Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize**

Mr Ionuț-Marian Stroe (Romania, ALDE) became a member and Mr Ioan Ghișe (Romania, ALDE) his alternate;

Mr Rubén Moreno Palanques (Spain, EPP/CD) became a member;

- **Committee's work programme and priorities:**

- **Appointment of Committee representatives to external events:** designated its representatives as follows:

- Sub-Committee of the Prize of the Association of the city prize-winners of the Europe Prize, annual meeting, Würzburg (Germany), from 2 to 5 May 2013: Mr Erich Georg Fritz (Germany, EPP/CD);
- 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Drafting Group on the human rights of the older persons (CDDH-AGE), Strasbourg, 15-17 May 2013: Mr Denis Jacquat (France, EPP/CD);
- 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Committee of the Parties to the Convention on the protection of children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse, Strasbourg, 15-16 May 2013: Ms Stella Kyriakides (Cyprus, EPP/CD);
- Regional conference “Council of Europe Convention on the counterfeiting of medical products and similar crimes involving threats to public health (MEDICRIME Convention)”, Kyiv, 11-12 June 2013: Mr Jim Dobbin (United Kingdom, SOC);

- **Motions transmitted for information:** took note that the following motions were transmitted to the Committee for information:

- Youth unemployment as a threat to democracy and human rights in Europe (for taking into account in the preparation of the report on “Decent work for all: combating social dumping”);
- Restricting the consumption and sales of energy drinks to children (for taking into account in the preparation of the report on “Food security”);
- Delivering integrated vaccines and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) programmes in the developing world;
- Involuntary tranquilliser addiction.

– **Date and place of next meetings:**

**Plenary Committee:**

- 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 (Council of Europe office) (*to be confirmed*).

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

- Third part-session 2013 of the Assembly, 25 June 2013, 2-3.30pm, Strasbourg (*to be confirmed*);
- Fourth part-session 2013 of the Assembly, 30 September - 4 October 2013, Strasbourg (*to be confirmed*).

**Ad hoc Sub-Committee to participate in the parliamentary Conference on the implementation of the ONE in FIVE Campaign of the Council of Europe in Baku (Azerbaijan):**

- Tuesday, 11 June 2013, Baku, Azerbaijan.

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**The Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize**, meeting in Strasbourg on 23 April 2013, with Mr Axel E. Fischer (Germany EPP/CD), Vice-Chairperson, in the Chair:

- proposed to award the Europe Prize 2013 to two towns: Altötting (Germany) and Tata (Hungary);
- proposed to award 11 Plaques of honour, 18 Flags of honour and 26 European Diplomas (as indicated in the appendix);
- decided to ask for an increase of the amount of the scholarship to be spent on a study visit in Europe for one or more young persons resident in the winning municipality of the Europe Prize (presently 10.000 euros);
- decided to meet in :
  - Strasbourg, during the Assembly part-session on 27 June 2013, on the occasion of the presentation ceremony of the Europe Diplomas 2013 to the winning towns;
  - Altötting and Tata, on the occasion of the official presentation ceremony of the Europe Prize 2013 to each of the winning towns (dates to be decided).

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**The Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter**, meeting in Strasbourg on 25 April 2013, with Mr Ioannis Dragasakis (Greece, UEL), Chairperson in the Chair:

- *The Sub-Committee's work programme*: approved the work programme proposed by the Chairperson and adopted its terms of reference as appended;

- *Organisation of capacity-building workshops on the implementation of social rights*: held an exchange of views with Ms Danuta Wiśniewska-Cazals, Department of the European Social Charter and Social Security Code Council of Europe, and approved the concept proposal for a first seminar to be held on 18 October in Paris on “employment conditions workers below the age of 18” and decided to submit the same proposals to the Plenary Committee at its next meeting;
- *2<sup>nd</sup> Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for social Cohesion “Building a secure future for all”, Istanbul, Turkey, 11-12 October 2012*: heard a report by Ms Carina Ohlsson, Assembly Representative at this event;
- *Date and place of the next meeting*: 4<sup>th</sup> part-session 2013 of the Assembly (30 September – 4 October 2013) in Strasbourg (date to be confirmed).

Tanja Kleinsorge, Aiste Ramanauskaite, Maren Lambrecht-Feigl, Ayşegül Elveriş, Marie-Anne Menger,  
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

## A P P E N D I X

### List of the different prizes

#### 1. Europe Prize

**Altötting (Germany) and Tata (Hungary)**

#### 2. Plaques of honour (11)

France	Raon l'Etape (Vosges)
Germany	Kranenburg (North Rhine-Westphalia) Langenargen (Baden-Württemberg) Marl (North Rhine-Westphalia)
Italy	Bagnacavallo (Prov. of Ravenna)
Lithuania	Kedainiai (District Municipality) (Kaunas County)
Poland	Lublin (Lubelskie voivodship) Nysa (Opolskie voivodship)
Spain	Girona (Catalonia)
Turkey	Kocaeli (Metropolitan Municipality) (Prov. of Kocaeli)
United Kingdom	Nottinghamshire County Council (East Midlands)

#### 3. Flags of honour (18)

France	Montigny-le-Bretonneux (Yvelines) Savigny (Rhône) Triel-sur-Seine (Yvelines)
Germany	Friedland (Lower Saxony) ( <i>together with Korfantów (PL)</i> ) Linden (Hessen) Pirna (Saxony) Rehau (Bavaria) Wendlingen am Neckar (Baden-Württemberg)
Italy	Cerrione (Prov. of Biella)
Lithuania	Kaunas (Kaunas County)

*(Flags of honour –continued)*

Poland	Giżycko (Warmińsko-Mazurskie voivodship) Gołdap (Warmińsko-Mazurskie voivodship) Korfantów (Opolskie voivodship) Święciechowa (Wielkopolskie voivodship)
Portugal	Lousada (Porto district)
Romania	Mioveni (Argęs Depart.)
Russia	Belgorod (Belgorod Oblast)
Turkey	Safranbolu (Karabük Province)

**4. European Diplomas (26)**

Cyprus	Nicosia
France	Aix-en-Othe (Aube) Charleville-Mézières (Ardennes) Longueau (Somme)
Germany	Gotha (Thüringen) Niederstotzingen (Baden-Württemberg) Pfinztal (Baden-Württemberg)
Ireland	Cavan (Co. Cavan) Shannon (Co. Clare)
Italy	Benna (Prov. of Biella) Colletorto (Prov. of Campobasso) Piedicavallo (Prov. of Biella)
Poland	Bielsko-Biała (Śląskie voivodship) Kobylnica (Pomorskie voivodship) Stare Miasto (Wielkopolskie voivodship) Swarzędz (Wielkopolskie voivodship)
Spain	Barakaldo (Biscay Prov.)
Turkey	Manisa (Manisa Prov.)
Ukraine	Cherkasy (Cherkasy Oblast) Chernihiv (Chernihiv Oblast) Yevpatoriya (Crimea) Illyichivsk (Odessa Oblast) Vinnytsia (Vinnytsia Oblast) Sumy (Sumy Oblast) Ternopil (Ternopil Oblast)
United Kingdom	Northampton B.C. (East Midlands)