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

### Synopsis of the meeting held in Paris on 23-24 November 2015

The Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, meeting in Paris with Mr Valeriu Ghiletschi (Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD), Chairperson, in the Chair:

- on Monday, 23 November 2015, as regards:
  - **Human rights and ethical issues related to surrogacy** (*Rapporteur: Ms Petra De Sutter, Belgium, SOC*): postponed the consideration of the draft report to its next meeting and instructed its Chairperson to write to the President of the Parliamentary Assembly, asking for guidance on the procedure that should be followed by the Committee in applying the code of conduct for rapporteurs of the Assembly as regards a possible conflict of interests of a Rapporteur;
  - **The fate of critically ill detainees in Europe** (*Rapporteur: Mr Stefan Schennach, Austria, SOC*): considered and unanimously approved a draft opinion as amended;
  - **Drafting social indicators and issuing an annual report on social rights / The “Turin process” for the European Social Charter** (*Rapporteur: Ms Antigoni Lymperaki, Greece, SOC*): considered an introductory memorandum;
  - **Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter**: heard a report from Ms Sevinj Fataliyeva, the Vice-Chairperson of the Sub-Committee, on the Sub-Committee’s meeting held in Paris on 23 November 2015 and supported the request by the Sub-Committee to hold a future meeting in Turin (Italy) on 17 March 2016 (morning) before the start of the Parliamentary Conference on the promotion of social rights (*subject to Bureau authorisation*), to be held in Turin on 17-18 March 2016;
  - **United Nations General Assembly Special Session (UNGASS) on the World Drug Problem, 19-21 April 2016, New York**: considered and unanimously approved a declaration, and instructed the Chairperson to send a letter inviting the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights to do likewise;
  - **The need for a citizenship income** (*Rapporteur: Ms Nunzia Catalfo, Italy, NR*): considered a preliminary draft report;
  - **Parliamentary conference on the MEDICRIME Convention on 24 November 2015**: heard a statement by the Chairperson;
  - **Committee’s work programme and priorities**:
    - considered and unanimously adopted a motion for a recommendation on “Genetically engineered human beings” with a view to tabling it;

– *appointed rapporteurs as follows:*

- Developments in the social functioning of trade unions (*for report*): Mr Ögmundur Jónasson (Iceland, UEL);
- Female genital mutilation in Europe (*for opinion*): Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier (Switzerland, SOC);
- Draft Protocol amending the European Landscape Convention (CETS No. 176) (*subject to ratification of the reference by the Assembly*) (*for report*): Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC);

and heard declarations on the absence of a conflict of interests from them;

– *appointed its representatives to external events as follows (subject to the availability of funds):*

- Symposium on experience with new evolutions in drug policy, 17 November 2015, Oslo (Norway) (*ex post facto*): Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier (Switzerland, SOC);
- International Summit on Human Gene Editing, 1-3 December 2015, Washington D.C. (USA): Ms Gabriela Pecková (Czech Republic, EPP/CD) (*subject to Bureau approval*);
- Lisbon Forum 2015 on “How to combat radicalisation and terrorism: prevention tools and shared knowledge in the Mediterranean and European space”, organised by the North-South Centre, 3-4 December 2015, Lisbon (Portugal): Ms Sevinj Fataliyeva (Azerbaijan, EC);
- European Committee on Democracy and Governance (CDDG), 7-8 December 2015, Strasbourg: Mr Jeffrey Donaldson (United Kingdom, EC);

– *Reports from committee representatives to external events: heard statements as follows:*

- Ms Gabriela Pecková (Czech Republic, EPP/CD) on the 1st European meeting on “Sports for health upon prescription”, Strasbourg, 14-15 October 2015;
- Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier (Switzerland, SOC) on the Symposium on experience with new evolutions in drug policy, Oslo (Norway), 17 November 2015;

– **Changes in the Sub-Committees:** was informed that all British members’ names have been removed from the lists until the mandate of the new British delegation is ratified on 27 November 2015 by the Standing Committee;

– **Inhabitants of frontier regions of Azerbaijan are deliberately deprived of water** (*Rapporteur: Ms Milica Marković, Bosnia and Herzegovina, SOC*): held an exchange of views with Dr Lydia S. Vamvakeridou-Lyroudia, expert in water resources, hydrology and hydraulic engineering, University of Exeter (United Kingdom), considered a draft report and adopted a draft resolution as amended (Ms Naira Karapatyan (Armenia, EPP/CD) informed the Chairperson of her intention to submit a dissenting opinion);

– **Date and place of next meetings:** agreed to hold its future meetings as follows:

#### **Plenary committee:**

- First part-session 2016 of the Assembly, 25-29 January 2016, Strasbourg;
- Tuesday, 15 March 2016, Paris (Council of Europe Office);
- Second part-session 2016 of the Assembly, 18-22 April 2016, Strasbourg;
- Thursday, 2 June 2016, Paris (Council of Europe Office);
- Third part-session 2016 of the Assembly, 20-24 June 2016, Strasbourg;
- Friday, 16 September 2016, Paris (Council of Europe Office);
- Fourth part-session 2016 of the Assembly, 10-14 October 2016, Strasbourg;
- Tuesday, 6 December 2016, Paris (Council of Europe Office).

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

- Second part-session 2016 of the Assembly, 18-22 April 2016, Strasbourg, date to be confirmed, (*subject to the availability of funds*);

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

- Vara (Sweden), 29-30 November 2015;

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

- First part-session 2016 of the Assembly, 25-29 January 2016, Strasbourg (*date to be confirmed*);
- Parliamentary Conference on the implementation of the European Social Charter, 17-18 March 2016, Turin (Italy), (*subject to Bureau approval*).

- **on Tuesday, 24 September 2015:**

- held a Parliamentary Conference on the MEDICRIME Convention with the participation of:
  - Mr Valeriu Ghiletschi, Chairperson of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development;
  - Mr Jan Kleijssen, Director, Information Society and Action against Crime Directorate, Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law (DGI);
  - Mr François-Xavier Lery, Head of Section for Pharmaceutical Care, Consumer Health Protection and Anti-Counterfeiting, European Directorate for the Quality of Medicines (EDQM);
  - Ms Ilise L. Feitshans, Executive Director of the Work Health and Survival Project, Switzerland and USA;
  - Ms Christiane Etévé-Mousset and Ms Catherine Petit, Association for the defence of women with P.I.P. prosthesis, France;
  - Mr Carlos María Romeo Casabona, Professor in Criminal Law, Director of the Inter-University Chair in Law and the Human Genome, University of Deusto and University of the Basque Country, Spain;
  - Mr Bernard Marquet, former member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE), former PACE rapporteur on “Quality of Medicines in Europe”, Monaco;
  - Mr Domenico Di Giorgio, Director of the Office for Product Quality and Counterfeiting, Italian Medicines Agency (AIFA), Italy;
  - Ms María Poza Cisneros, Senior Judge, Deputy to the National Member for Spain, EUROJUST;
  - Mr Sidiki Cissé, Vice-President of the Health Committee of the National Assembly of Guinea;
  - Ms Claude Chirac, Vice-President of the Chirac Foundation, France.

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**The Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter**, meeting in Paris on 23 November 2015, with Ms Sevinj Fataliyeva (Azerbaijan, EC), in the Chair, as regards:

- **Follow-up of the “Turin process” for the promotion of social rights in Europe:** considered and endorsed a proposal to hold its future meeting in Turin (Italy) on 17 March 2016 (morning) before the start of the Parliamentary Conference on the promotion of social rights, to be held in Turin on 17-18 March 2016;
- **Date and place of the next meeting:** during the first part-session 2016 of the Assembly, 25-29 January 2016, Strasbourg (*date to be confirmed*).

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cc: Secretary General of the Assembly  
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