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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 15 March 2016

The Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, meeting in Paris on 15 March 2016, with Ms Stella Kyriakides (Cyprus, EPP/CD), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Human rights and ethical issues related to surrogacy** (*Rapporteur: Ms Petra De Sutter, Belgium, SOC*): considered a revised draft report *in camera* and rejected the amended preliminary draft resolution and the amended preliminary draft recommendation; the Chairperson informed the Committee that it remained seized on the issue and that she would thus put the item on the agenda of the Committee meeting during the April 2016 part-session of the Assembly;
- **Election of the 2nd Vice-Chairperson of the Committee**: pending the UEL Group's formal proposal on the candidate to be put forward, postponed this item to its next meeting;
- **Effectively combating the adverse consequences of dirty money** (*Rapporteur: Mr Stefan Schennach, Austria, SOC*): held an exchange of views with Mr John Ringguth (United Kingdom), financial expert and former Executive Secretary of MONEYVAL (Committee of Experts on the Evaluation of Anti-Money Laundering Measures and the Financing of Terrorism) and Mr Luc Recordon, Lawyer and Director at the Vaud Cantonal Bank (Switzerland);
- **Preventing the radicalisation of children by fighting the root causes** (*Rapporteur: Ms Sevinj Fataliyeva, Azerbaijan, EC*): considered a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution as it stands with a view to the report being debated during the April 2016 part-session of the Assembly, noting the intention of the Rapporteur to table an addendum to the report and a number of amendments for consideration by the Committee at its first meeting during the April part-session with a view to taking into account comments made by members;
- **Involuntary placement and treatment of people with psychosocial disability: need for a new paradigm**: (*Rapporteur: Ms Guguli Magradze, Georgia, SOC*): considered a draft report, decided to change the title of the report to "The case against a Council of Europe legal instrument on involuntary measures in psychiatry", and unanimously adopted a draft recommendation with a view to the report being debated during the April 2016 part-session of the Assembly;
- **The handling of international public health emergencies** (*Rapporteur: Ms Sílvia Eloïsa Bonet, Andorra, SOC*): considered a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution with a view to the report being debated during the April 2016 part-session of the Assembly;
- **Follow-up to the Parliamentary conference on the MEDICRIME Convention, 24 November 2015, Paris**: heard a statement by the Chairperson;

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

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

- Conference on "The long-term trends in the world of work and effects on inequalities and middle income categories" organised by the International Labour Office, 29 February-1 March 2016, Brussels (Belgium) (*ex post facto, at no cost to the Assembly*): Mr Tuur Elzinga (Netherlands, UEL);
- 30th Session of the Congress: Ethics, transparency and intercultural dialogue at the heart of the debates, 22-24 March 2016, Strasbourg: Mr Valeriu Ghiletschi (Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD) (*to be confirmed*);
- Conference on "Good Governance at Local Level", 31 March 2016, Sofia (Bulgaria): Mr Jeffrey Donaldson (United Kingdom, EC);
- Meeting of the Association of the Towns Awarded the Europe Prize, 3-4 June 2016, Klaipeda (Lithuania): Mr Jean-Claude Frécon (France, SOC);

– *appointed rapporteurs as follows:*

For report

- Effectively combating the adverse consequences of dirty money: Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC);
- Genetically engineered human beings: Ms Petra De Sutter (Belgium, SOC);
- A European social commitment guaranteeing the rights of the elderly and their comprehensive care: Lord George Foulkes (United Kingdom, SOC);

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- Gender equality and child maintenance: Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier (Switzerland, SOC);

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

– *decided to request that the Committee be seized for opinion on the following reports:*

- ✓ Jurisdictional immunity of international organisations and rights of their staff
- ✓ Harmonising the protection of unaccompanied minors in Europe

– *took note of the following motions which had been sent to it for information:*

- ✓ Ongoing maternal care for children
- ✓ Freedom of movement as a means of protecting human rights and heard a speech from Mr Serhii Kiral (Ukraine, EC);

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

- Mr Valeriu Ghiletschi (Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD) on the 3rd Meeting of the Committee of experts on the Council of Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child (DECS-ENF), Strasbourg, 20-21 October 2015;
- Ms Stella Kyriakides (Cyprus, EPP/CD) on the 4th Regional conference on the MEDICRIME Convention, Larnaca (Cyprus), 10-11 November 2015;
- Ms Sevinj Fataliyeva (Azerbaijan, EC) on the 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);

– **Changes in the Sub-Committees:** approved the following changes:

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

*Mr Stefaan VERCAMER (Belgium, EPP/CD) became a full member
Mr Damien THIÉRY (Belgium, ALDE) become his alternate.*

Ms Guguli MAGRADZE (Georgia, SOC) became a full member

*Ms Nina KASIMATI (Greece, UEL) became a full member
Ms Vassiliki KATRIVANOU (Greece, UEL) became her alternate.*

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

Ms Vasiliki KATRIVANOU (Greece, UEL) became a full member
Ms Nina KASIMATI (Greece, UEL) became her alternate.

Baroness MASSEY (United Kingdom, SOC) became a full member, replacing Sir Alan Meale,
Mr Geraint DAVIES (United Kingdom, SOC) remains as her alternate.

• **Sub-Committee on Public Health**

Ms Cindy Franssen (Belgium, EPP/CD) became a full member
Ms Petra De Sutter (Belgium, SOC) became her alternate.

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

Ms Petra De SUTTER (Belgium, SOC) became a full member
Mr Stefaan VERCAMER (Belgium, EPP/CD) became her alternate.

- **Sub-Committee on Environment and Energy:** heard a report by Mr Serhii Kiral (Ukraine, EC), Chairperson of the Sub-Committee, on its meeting in Strasbourg on 28 January 2016;
- **Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize:** heard a report by Mr Jean-Claude Frécon (France, SOC), Chairperson of the Sub-Committee, on its meeting in Vara (Sweden) on 29-30 November 2015 and on its meeting in Strasbourg on 28 January 2016;
- **Any other business**
 - agreed to submit to the Bureau a request for an extension of the reference for the report on “Effectively combating the adverse consequences of dirty money” as requested by the new rapporteur, Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC), until 26 April 2017;
 - authorised Ms Nunzia Catalfo (Italy, SOC) to carry out a fact-finding visit to Finland in the context of the preparation of her report on “The need for a citizenship income”.
- **Nominations for the 2016 Václav Havel Human Rights Prize:** took note of the fast-approaching deadline for submitting nominations;
- **Date and place of next meetings:**

Plenary committee:

- 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;
- Wednesday, 21 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, 21 April 2016, 8.30-10 am, Strasbourg (*to be confirmed*);

Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize:

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

Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter:

- 17-18 March 2016, Turin (Italy), Interparliamentary Conference and Forum of the European Social Charter.

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