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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 21 September 2016

The Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, meeting in Paris on 21 September 2016, with Ms Stella Kyriakides (Cyprus, EPP/CD), Chairperson, and (for the item “Ensuring access to healthcare for all children in Europe”) Ms Silvia Eloïsa Bonet (Andorra, SOC), First Vice-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*, decided to change the title to “Children’s rights related to surrogacy”, rejected the amended preliminary draft resolution and adopted the amended draft recommendation, with a view to presenting the report for debate in the Assembly during the fourth part-session 2016;
- **The need for fiscal and social justice, and public trust in our democratic, financial and tax system** (*Rapporteur: Mr Stefan Schennach, Austria, SOC*): considered a draft report, decided to change the title to “Lessons from the “Panama Papers” to ensure fiscal and social justice”, and unanimously adopted a draft resolution, with a view to presenting the report for debate in the Assembly during the fourth part-session 2016;
- **Female genital mutilation in Europe** (*Rapporteur: Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier, Switzerland, SOC*): considered and unanimously approved a draft opinion, including five amendments to the draft resolution tabled;
- **Developments in the social functioning of trade unions / An urgent call for increased solidarity: the right to work, the right to strike** (*Rapporteur: Mr Ögmundur Jónasson, Iceland, UEL*): considered an introductory memorandum, decided to change the title to “Reinforcing social dialogue as an instrument for stability and decreasing social and economic inequalities”, and held an exchange of views with the participation of Dr Aristeia Koukiadaki, Senior lecturer in employment law, University of Manchester, United Kingdom, and Ms Renate Hornung-Draus, Managing Director, Director European and International Affairs, Confederation of German Employers (BDA);
- **Balancing the right to work, the right to strike**: decided not to prepare a separate report on this subject, and agreed to inform the Bureau that no action would be taken on this reference;
- **Ensuring access to healthcare for all children in Europe** (*Rapporteur: Ms Stella Kyriakides, Cyprus, EPP/CD*): considered a draft report;
- **Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) and its implications for social rights, public health and sustainable development** (*Rapporteur: Mr Geraint Davies, United Kingdom, SOC*): considered an introductory memorandum;

- ***The employment rights of female workers from Eastern Europe*** (*Rapporteur: Mr Viorel Badea, Romania, EPP/CD*): heard a statement by the Rapporteur following his fact-finding visit to the International Labour Organization (ILO) in Geneva, Switzerland, and held an exchange of views with Ms Silvia Dumitrache, President of the A.D.R.I. - Romanian Women's Association (Italy);
- ***Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize***: heard a report by the Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on its meeting held in Girona, Spain, on 8 July 2016, and approved the revised proposals on the modernisation of the Europe Prize with a view to them being included in the progress report of the Bureau at the fourth part-session 2016 for ratification by the Assembly;
- ***Committee's work programme***:
 - *appointed Committee representatives to external events as follows (subject to the availability of funds)*:
 - 37th session of the Steering Committee of the Parliamentary Conference of the WTO, 28 September 2016, Geneva, Switzerland: Mr Ögmundur Jónasson (Iceland, UEL);
 - 31st Session of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe, 19-21 October 2016, Strasbourg: Mr Leite Ramos (Portugal, EPP/CD) in his capacity as General Rapporteur on Local and Regional Authorities;
- ***Date and place of next meetings***:

Plenary committee:

 - Fourth part-session 2016 of the Assembly, 10-14 October 2016, Strasbourg;
 - Wednesday, 30 November and Thursday 1 December 2016, UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre, Florence, Italy;

Network of Contact Parliamentarians to stop sexual violence against children:

 - Thursday, 1 December 2016, UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre, Florence, Italy;

Sub-Committee on Environment and Energy:

 - Thursday, 29 September 2016, Lviv, Ukraine;

Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter:

 - Thursday, 13 October 2016, during the fourth part-session 2016 of the Assembly, Strasbourg;
 - Friday, 28 October 2016, Paris, France.

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