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## To the members of the Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development

### Synopsis of the meeting held in Turin, Italy, from 17 to 18 March 2016

The Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter (of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development), meeting in Turin on 17-18 October 2014 with Mr Tuur Elzinga (Netherlands, UEL), Chairperson of the Sub-Committee, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Preparations of the Interparliamentary Conference on the European Social Charter:** held an exchange of views with the four experts present as follows:
  - In the framework of an introductory session, **Professor Giuseppe Palmisano**, President of the European Committee of Social Rights (ECSR), on “The role of parliamentarians in promoting social rights as provided by the European Social Charter”;
  - In the framework of a thematic debate on “Fighting inequalities in the guarantee of social rights across Europe”:
    - **Professor Wiemer Salverda**, Special Chair Labour Market and Inequality, University of Amsterdam (Netherlands), on “Social rights in a post-crisis period – what are the main challenges today?”;
    - **Mr Daniel Vaughan-Whitehead**, Senior Economist, International Labour Organization (ILO), Geneva (Switzerland), on “Income inequalities generated by structural causes – the role of social rights in generating sustainable change”;
    - **Mr Coen van der Veer**, Member of the Executive Committee of the Dutch trade union FNV (Netherlands), on “Increasing labour migration – what impact on labour standards?”
- **Work programme of the Sub-Committee:** considered the work programme and noted that the Chairperson would make more concrete proposals for action aimed at promoting the European Social Charter at one of the upcoming meetings;
- **Interparliamentary Conference on the European Social Charter:** took part in the Conference in the afternoon of Thursday 17 March;
- **Turin Forum on Social Rights in Europe:** took part in the Forum in the morning of Friday 18 March;
- **Date and place of next meeting:** At one of the upcoming 2016 part-sessions of the Parliamentary Assembly (to be confirmed).

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