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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 24 March 2017

The Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, meeting in Paris on 24 March 2017, with Ms Stella Kyriakides (Cyprus, EPP/CD), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Increased income inequalities are a threat to social cohesion** (*Rapporteur: Mr Andrej Hunko, Germany, UEL*): held an exchange of views with Professor Brian Nolan, Director of Employment, Equity and Growth, Professor of Social Policy, Institute for New Economic Thinking (INET), University of Oxford, considered a draft report, decided to change the title to “Fighting income inequality as a means of fostering social cohesion and economic development” and unanimously adopted a draft resolution as amended, with a view to presenting the report for debate in the Assembly during the second part-session 2017;
- **The need for a citizenship income** (*Rapporteur: Ms Nunzia Catalfo, Italy, NR*): considered a draft report and decided to postpone the adoption of the draft resolution to a next meeting;
- **Detention of Palestinian minors in Israeli prisons** (*Rapporteur: Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier, Switzerland, SOC*): heard a statement by the Rapporteur, took note with regret of the letter addressed by the Chairperson of the observer delegation of Israel to the Rapporteur, informing her that no co-operation would be provided in the preparation of the report, agreed to bring said letter to the attention of the Bureau, and decided to hold a hearing on the subject-matter of the report during the second part-session 2017;
- **Committee’s work programme and priorities:**
- appointed rapporteurs as follows:

For report

- Addressing the health needs of adolescents in Europe: Baroness Doreen Massey (United Kingdom, SOC);
- Air quality and diesel emissions in urban centres: Mr Geraint Davies (United Kingdom, SOC);
- The role of national authorities in successful decentralisation processes: Mr Luís Leite Ramos (Portugal, EPP/CD);

For opinion

- Migration as an opportunity for European development: Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC);

and heard from them a declaration of absence of conflict of interest, as well as from Mr Stefaan Vercamer (Belgium, EPP/CD), Mr Axel Fischer (Germany, EPP/CD) and Ms Sybille Benning

(Germany, EPP/CD) as regards the reports “Stress at work”, “Freedom of choice and personal lifestyle” and “Sustainable urban development fostering social inclusion”, for which they had respectively been appointed rapporteur at a previous meeting;

- considered the motion on “Organ transplant tourism to China” which had been referred to it for consultation on possible follow-up, and decided to request that the motion be referred to the Committee for report;
- took note that the motion on “Nuclear security in light of emerging terror threats in Europe” had been referred to it to be taken into account in the preparation of the report “A potential threat to European countries imposed by the nuclear power plant in Belarus”, and heard a statement by the Rapporteur on her intentions;
- appointed Committee representatives to external events as follows (*subject to the availability of funds*):
 - 2nd meeting of the *Ad hoc* Committee for the Rights of the Child (CAHENF), 29-31 March 2017, Strasbourg, France: Baroness Doreen Massey (United Kingdom, SOC) in her capacity as Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Children;
 - Conference on “Successful territorial reform, Causes and methods of subnational reform in Council of Europe member states”, 5 May 2017, Eupen, Belgium: Mr Luís Leite Ramos (Portugal, EPP/CD) in his capacity as the Assembly’s General Rapporteur on Local and Regional Authorities;
 - 8th Nevsky International Ecological Congress on “Environmental Education — A Clean Country”, 25–26 May 2017, Saint Petersburg, Russian Federation: Mr Jean-Pierre Grin (Switzerland, ALDE);
 - World Congress on Family Law and Children's Rights, 4-7 June 2017, Dublin, Ireland: Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC);
- heard reports from Committee representatives to external events as follows:
 - International Labour Organization (ILO) conference on social dialogue and inequalities, 23-24 February 2017, Brussels, Belgium: Mr Andrej Hunko (Germany, UEL);
 - Conference on “Social rights in today’s Europe: the role of domestic and European Courts”, 24 February 2017, Nicosia, Cyprus: Ms Stella Kyriakides, Cyprus (EPP/CD);
- ***A European social commitment guaranteeing the rights of older people and their comprehensive care*** (*Rapporteur: Lord George Foulkes, United Kingdom, SOC*): considered a draft report, decided to change the title to “Human rights of older persons and their comprehensive care”, unanimously adopted a draft resolution as amended and a draft recommendation, with a view to presenting the report for debate in the Standing Committee at its meeting in Prague, Czech Republic, on 30 May 2017;
- ***The use of new genetic technologies in human beings*** (*Rapporteur: Ms Petra De Sutter, Belgium, SOC*): considered a draft report;
- ***The employment rights of female workers from Eastern Europe*** (*Rapporteur: Mr Viorel Badea, Romania, EPP/CD*): considered a preliminary draft report and decided to change the title to “The employment rights of domestic workers, especially women, in Europe”;
- ***Changes in the Sub-Committees***: approved the following changes:

Sub-Committee on Children

Ms Maryvonne BLONDIN (France, SOC) became a full member

Ms Irina PRUIDZE (Georgia, NR) became a full member

Ms Martine MERGEN (Luxembourg, EPP/CD) became a full member

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

Plenary committee:

- Second part-session 2017 of the Assembly, 24-28 April 2017, Strasbourg;
- Thursday, 1 June 2017, Baku, Azerbaijan;
- Third part-session 2017 of the Assembly, 26-30 June 2017, Strasbourg;
- Tuesday, 19 September 2017, Paris (Council of Europe Office);
- Fourth part-session 2017 of the Assembly, 9-13 October 2017, Strasbourg;
- Wednesday, 6 December 2017, Paris (Council of Europe Office);

Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize:

- Wednesday, 26 April 2017, Strasbourg, during the Second part-session 2017 of the Assembly
(*date to be confirmed*);

Sub-Committee on Children:

- Thursday, 27 April 2017, Strasbourg, during the Second part-session 2017 of the Assembly
(*date to be confirmed*);
- Wednesday 31 May 2017, Parliamentary Seminar on Children's Rights, Baku, Azerbaijan;

Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter:

- Thursday, 27 April 2017, Strasbourg, during the Second part-session 2017 of the Assembly
(*date to be confirmed*);
- Friday 27 October 2017, Paris, Parliamentary Seminar on the implementation of the European Social Charter;

Sub-Committee on Public Health and Sustainable Development:

- Thursday, 27 April 2017, Strasbourg, during the Second part-session 2017 of the Assembly
(*date to be confirmed*).

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