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

### Synopsis of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 27 and 29 June 2017

The Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, meeting in Strasbourg:

- **Tuesday, 27 June 2017, at 2 pm** with Ms Stella Kyriakides (Cyprus, EPP/CD), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:
  - ***Freedom of choice and personal lifestyle*** (Mr Axel Fischer, Germany, EPP/CD): considered an introductory memorandum in the absence of the rapporteur;
  - ***Cross-border parental responsibility conflicts*** (Rapporteur: Ms Martine Mergen, Luxembourg, EPP/CD): heard a statement by the rapporteur on her fact-finding visit to Paris;
  - ***Committee's work programme and priorities:***
    - *appointed rapporteurs as follows:*
      - Organ transplant tourism (*for report*): Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier (Switzerland, SOC);
      - Protecting the rights of people with psychosocial disabilities with regard to involuntary measures in psychiatry (*for report*): Ms Reina Bruijn-Wezeman (Netherlands, ALDE);
      - The activities of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) (*for opinion*): Mr Geraint Davies (United Kingdom, SOC) (*in his absence*);

and heard from the first two a declaration of absence of conflict of interest;

- *appointed the following Committee representative to an external event (subject to the availability of funds):*
  - Annual WTO Public Forum on "Trade: behind the headlines", 26-28 September 2017, Geneva, Switzerland, including the parliamentary panel on "Making trade fair", 26 September 2017: Mr Geraint Davies (United Kingdom, SOC);
- *heard reports from Committee representatives to external events as follows:*
  - 18<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Committee of the Parties to the Council of Europe Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (CETS No. 201; "Lanzarote Committee") 10-12 May 2017, Strasbourg, France: Baroness Doreen Massey (United Kingdom, SOC);
  - 11<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting of the Committee on Bioethics (DH-BIO), 6-8 June 2017, Strasbourg, France: Ms Petra De Sutter (Belgium, SOC);
  - General Assembly and Youth Meeting 2017, Association of Towns Awarded the Europe Prize, 7-8 June 2017, Kharkiv, Ukraine: Mr Joseph O'Reilly (Ireland, EPP/CD);

- *adopted the following motions for a resolution/recommendation for tabling:*
  - The societal impact of the “platform economy”;
  - Combating trafficking in human tissues and cells;
- **Sub-Committee on Children:** heard a report from Baroness Doreen Massey (United Kingdom, SOC), Chairperson of the Sub-Committee, on the meeting held on 26 June;
- **Other business:**
  - was informed about the programme of the World Forum for Democracy, Strasbourg, 8-10 November 2017;
  - was informed about a « Living Library » organised on 28 June 2017 by the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, in co-operation with the Youth Centre;
  - decided to treat the item on “Protecting children affected by armed conflicts” (*Rapporteur: Ms Sevinj Fataliyeva, Azerbaijan, EC*), including the issue of a potential conflict of interest of the Rapporteur, in camera at its next meeting in Paris on 19 September 2017;
- **Thursday, 29 June 2017, at 2 pm** with Ms Stella Kyriakides (Cyprus, EPP/CD), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:
  - **The “Turin process”: reinforcing social rights in Europe** (*Rapporteur: Ms Silvía Eloísa Bonet, Andorra, SOC*): took position on the two amendments to the draft resolution tabled by the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy;
  - **Committee’s work programme and priorities:**
    - *heard reports from Committee representatives to external events as follows:*
      - 8<sup>th</sup> 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);
    - *appointed rapporteurs as follows:*
      - Jurisdictional immunity of international organisations and rights of their staff (*for opinion*): Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC);
  - and heard from him a declaration of absence of conflict of interest;
- **Changes in Sub-Committee composition:**
  - **Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter:**

Ms Kerry McCarthy (United Kingdom, SOC) became a full member

Sir Jeffrey Donaldson (United Kingdom, EC) became her alternate
  - **Sub-Committee on Children:**

Ms Sabine De Bethune (Belgium, NR) became a full member

Ms Petra De Sutter (Belgium, SOC) became her alternate

- **Sub-Committee on Public Health and Sustainable Development:** heard a report from Ms Martine Mergen (Luxembourg, EPP/CD), Chairperson of the Sub-Committee, on the meeting held on 28 June, including on the exchange of views held with representatives of the “Environmental Platform of the Muğla District” (Turkey); instructed the Chairperson to address a letter to the Chairperson of the Turkish delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe on the issues raised in this context, and decided to inform the Monitoring Committee accordingly;
- **Other business:**
- authorised Mr Luís Leite Ramos (Portugal, EPP/CD) to undertake a fact-finding visit to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in Paris for the preparation of his report on “The role of national authorities for successful decentralisation processes”;
- heard information concerning planned breast cancer awareness-raising events to be held during the October part-session supported by the Committee;
- at the request of Mr Kęstutis Masiulis (Lithuania, EPP/CD) decided to discuss the report on “A potential threat to European countries imposed by the nuclear power plant in Belarus” (*Rapporteur: Ms Emine Nur Günay, Turkey, EC*) at its next meeting on 19 September 2017;
- **Date and place of the next meetings:**

**Plenary committee:**

- 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 European Social Charter:**

- Fourth part-session 2017 of the Assembly, 9-13 October 2017, Strasbourg (*date to be confirmed*);
- Friday, 27 October 2017, Paris, Parliamentary Seminar on the implementation of the European Social Charter.

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**The Sub-Committee on Children** meeting in Strasbourg on 26 June 2017, with Baroness Doreen Massey (United Kingdom, SOC), Chairperson, in the Chair:

- **Work programme of the Sub-Committee:** heard a statement by the Chairperson about the organisation, by the British Parliament, of a children’s rights seminar on 6-7 November 2017, to which the Sub-Committee would be invited;
- **Council of Europe draft “Guidelines to member States to protect, promote and fulfill children’s rights in the digital environment”:** heard a statement by the Chairperson and held an exchange of views with Ms Ina Verzivolli, Chairperson of the CAHENF;
- **Date and place of the next meetings:** decided to hold its next meetings as follows:
  - Tuesday, 19 September 2017, Paris (Council of Europe Office);
  - Fourth part-session 2017 of the Assembly, 9-13 October 2017, Strasbourg (*date to be confirmed*);

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**The Sub-Committee on Public Health and Sustainable Development** meeting in Strasbourg on 28 June 2017, with Ms Martine Mergen (Luxembourg, EPP/CD), Chairperson, in the Chair:

- held an exchange of views with Mr Alp Serdar Denктаş and Ms Zeynep Gündüzyeli, representatives of the “Environmental Platform of the Muğla District”, Turkey, on the follow-up to the letter addressed to the President of PACE; agreed to seek authorisation from the main Committee to issue a letter addressed to the Chairperson of the Turkish delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and to inform the Monitoring Committee accordingly;

- heard a presentation of the activities of the non-governmental organisation “European Cities Against Drugs (ECAD)”, with the participation of Mr Erik Leijonmarck, Secretary General, European Cities Against Drugs (Sweden), and Mr Jón Sigfússon, Director, Icelandic Centre of Social Research and Analysis (ICSRA) (Iceland);
- **Date and place of the next meeting:** to be determined;

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**The Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize**, meeting in Strasbourg on 29 June 2017, with Ms Stella Kyriakides (Cyprus, EPP/CD), Chairperson of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, in the Chair, as regards:

- held the award ceremony of the 2017 European Diplomas, awarded to seven cities (including one absent) from five countries ;
- **Date and place of the next meeting:** decided to hold its next meeting as follows:
  - Europe Prize presentation ceremony in Lublin, Poland, 20-21 October 2017 (*date to be confirmed*).

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