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

Revised synopsis of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 9, 10 and 12 October 2017

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

- **Monday, 9 October 2017, at 2 pm** with Ms Stella Kyriakides (Cyprus, EPP/CD), Chairperson, in the Chair, in a joint meeting with the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, as regards:
 - **Women and breast cancer:** held a hearing with:
 - Ms Donata Lerda, European Commission Initiative on Breast Cancer (ECIBC), Joint Research Centre;
 - Ms Elizabeth Bergsten Nordström, President of the Swedish Breast Cancer Association and former President of Europa Donna;
- **Tuesday, 10 October 2017, at 8.30 am** with Ms Stella Kyriakides (Cyprus, EPP/CD), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:
 - **Election of the First Vice-Chairperson:** elected Mr Geraint Davies (United Kingdom, SOC), by acclamation;
 - **Protecting children affected by armed conflicts** (*Rapporteur: Ms Sevinj Fataliyeva, Azerbaijan, EC*): meeting *in camera*, took note that there was no longer a request to discuss a potential conflict of interest of the rapporteur, and considered a draft report;
 - **Committee's work programme and priorities:**
 - *appointed rapporteurs as follows:*
 - Development aid: a tool for preventing migration crises (*for opinion*): Ms Doris Barnett (Germany, SOC) and heard from her a declaration of absence of conflict of interest;
 - *appointed the following Committee representatives to external events (subject to the availability of funds):*
 - . Conference "1997-2017: 20 years after the Oviedo Convention on Human Rights and Biomedicine: What are the achieved gains and its potential?", 8-9 December 2017, Thessaloniki, Greece: Ms Petra De Sutter (Belgium, SOC);
 - . Presidium Meeting of the Association of Towns awarded the Europe Prize, 7-9 December 2017, Altötting, Germany: Mr Tobias Zech (Germany, EPP/CD), and authorised the Chairperson to appoint a representative if he is unavailable;

- appointed the following members to the *ad hoc* Committee of the Bureau to participate in the World Forum for Democracy, Strasbourg, 8-10 November 2017: Ms Jennifer De Temmerman (France, NR), Mr İlhan Kesici (Turkey, SOC), Mr Ertuğrul Kürkçü (Turkey, UEL);
- ***The provision of palliative care in Europe*** (*Rapporteur: Mr Rónán Mullen, Ireland, EPP/CD*): was obliged to postpone to the January 2018 part-session the hearing scheduled to be held on 11 October due to the experts not being able to reach Strasbourg because of strike action;
- **Thursday, 12 October 2017, at 8.30 am** with first Mr Geraint Davies (United Kingdom, SOC), first Vice-Chairperson, and then Mr Ionuț-Marian Stroe (Romania, EPP/CD), newly elected Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:
 - ***Election of the Chairperson***: elected Mr Ionuț-Marian Stroe (Romania, EPP/CD), by acclamation, and thanked the former Chairperson, Ms Stella Kyriakides (Cyprus, EPP/CD), elected President of the Assembly, for her services;
 - ***The use of new genetic technologies in human beings*** (*Rapporteur: Ms Petra De Sutter, Belgium, SOC*): took position on the five amendments to the draft recommendation tabled, and adopted two sub-amendments to be tabled on behalf of the Committee;
- **Thursday, 12 October 2017, at 2 pm** with Mr Ionuț-Marian Stroe (Romania, EPP/CD), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:
 - ***Election of the Third Vice-Chairperson***: elected Mr Luís Leite Ramos (Portugal, EPP/CD), by acclamation in his absence;
 - ***Jurisdictional immunity of international organisations and rights of their staff*** (*Rapporteur: Mr Stefan Schennach, Austria, SOC*): heard a statement by the Rapporteur;
 - ***Changes in Sub-Committee composition***:
 - Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter**
 - Mr Victor Naudi Zamora (Andorra, SOC) became a full member;
 - Ms Jennifer De Temmerman (France, NR) became a full member;
 - Sub-Committee on Public Health and Sustainable Development**
 - Ms Nicole Trisse (France, NR) became the alternate to Ms Maryvonne Blondin;
 - Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize**
 - Ms Marie-Christine Dalloz and Mr Bertrand Bouyx became full members, and De Temmerman, became alternate of Mr Bouyx;
 - ***Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize***: heard a report from Mr Andrzej Wojtyła (Poland, EPP/CD) on the presentation ceremony of the Europe Prize in Lublin (Poland), on 25 September 2017;
 - ***Sub-Committee on Children***: heard a report from the Sub-Committee Chairperson, Baroness Doreen Massey (United Kingdom, SOC), on its meeting in Strasbourg on 10 October 2017, and approved the comments prepared by the Sub-Committee on the Council of Europe draft “Guidelines to member States to protect, promote and fulfil children’s rights in the digital environment” currently being elaborated by the Ad hoc Committee for the Rights of the Child (CAHENF)
 - ***Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter***: heard a report from the Sub-Committee Chairperson, Ms Sevinj Fataliyeva (Azerbaijan, EC), on its meeting in Strasbourg on 10 October 2017;

- **Sub-Committee on Public Health and Sustainable Development:** heard a report from the Sub-Committee Chairperson, Ms Martine Mergen (Luxembourg, EPP/CD), on its joint meeting with the Sub-Committee on Gender Equality of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, in Strasbourg on 12 October 2017;
- **Committee’s work programme and priorities:**
 - *appointed the following Committee representatives to external events (subject to the availability of funds):*
 - 30th World Day for the Eradication of Poverty organised by the Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe, 17 October 2017, Strasbourg: Mr Jean-Pierre Grin (Switzerland, ALDE);
 - 3rd meeting of the Ad hoc Committee for the Rights of the Child (CAHENF), 22-24 November 2017, Strasbourg: Mr Jean-Pierre Grin (Switzerland, ALDE), replacing the Sub-Committee Chairperson, Baroness Doreen Massey (United Kingdom, SOC);
 - European Committee on Democracy and Governance (CDDG), 4-5 December 2017, Strasbourg: Ms Milica Marković (Bosnia and Herzegovina, FDG);
 - *heard a report* from Mr Geraint Davies (United Kingdom, SOC), on the 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;
- **Other business:**
 - *heard a statement* from Ms Jennifer De Temmerman (France, NR), on the implementation by France of Assembly Resolution 2140 (2016) on the exploration and exploitation of non-conventional hydrocarbons in Europe;

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

Plenary committee:

- Wednesday, 6 December 2017, Paris (Council of Europe Office);
- First part-session 2018 of the Assembly, 22-26 January 2018, Strasbourg;

The Sub-Committee on Children meeting in Strasbourg on 10 October 2017, with Baroness Doreen Massey (United Kingdom, SOC), Chairperson, in the Chair:

- **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 considered draft comments to the guidelines with a view to their later approval by the plenary Committee and transmission to the Council of Europe Ad hoc Committee on the Rights of the Child (CAHENF);
- **Work programme of the Sub-Committee:** received an update from the Chairperson about the Children’s Rights Seminar organised by the British Parliament on 6-7 November 2017 in London (United Kingdom) in which the Sub-Committee would participate;
- **Other business:** held an exchange about topical issues related to children’s well-being and rights in different countries, amongst others with the participation of Ms Barbora Křížanová, Communication Manager, Lumos, Prague (Czech Republic) who presented a report on the “de-institutionalisation of children”;
- **Date and place of the next meetings:** decided to hold its next meeting as follows:
 - 6-7 November 2017 in London (United Kingdom), on the occasion of the Children’s Rights Seminar organised by the British Parliament;

The Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter meeting in Strasbourg on 10 October 2017, with Ms Sevinj Fataliyeva (Azerbaijan, EC), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Parliamentary seminar on “Employment, training and equal opportunities: how to ensure fair treatment and inclusion for all” (in the framework of promoting implementation of the European Social Charter and of the Partnership for Good Governance), Paris, 27 October 2017:** took note of the preparations for the seminar;
- **Work programme:** heard a statement by the Chairperson on the national parliamentary seminar on “Fostering the implementation of socio-economic rights in Azerbaijan from the perspective of the European Social Charter”, held under the Partnership for Good Governance in Baku (Azerbaijan) on 2 June 2017;
- **Date and place of the next meetings:** decided to hold its next meeting as follows:
 - Friday 27 October 2017, Paris: Parliamentary seminar on the implementation of the European Social Charter;

The Sub-Committee on Public Health and Sustainable Development meeting in Strasbourg on 12 October 2017, with Ms Martine Mergen (Luxembourg, EPP/CD), Chairperson of the Sub-Committee, and Mr Manuel Tornare (Switzerland, SOC), oldest member present of the Sub-Committee on Gender Equality, in the Chair, as regards:

- **“European Contraception Atlas”:** held a joint hearing with the Sub-Committee on Gender Equality (of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination), with the participation of Ms Marina Davidashvili, Senior Policy Officer, European Parliamentary Forum on Population and Development, Brussels;
- **Date and place of next meetings:** First part-session 2018 of the Assembly, 22-26 January 2018, Strasbourg.

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