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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 20 March 2018

The Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, meeting in Paris on 20 March 2018, with Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Communication by the Chairperson:** heard a statement by the Chairperson concerning the Parliamentary Assembly's expenditure for the 2018 financial year and the implementation of budgetary savings following the decisions of the Bureau and held an exchange of views thereon;
- **Climate change and implementation of the Paris Agreement** (*Rapporteur: Lord John Prescott, United Kingdom, SOC*): considered a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution as amended, with a view to presenting the report for debate in the Assembly during the April part-session 2018;
- **Drug-resistant tuberculosis in Europe** (*Rapporteur: Mr Serhii Kiral, Ukraine, EC*): considered a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution as amended, with a view to presenting the report for debate in the Assembly during the April part-session 2018; approved the Rapporteur's request to participate (*subject to Bureau authorisation and availability of funds*) in the United Nations high-level meeting on the fight against tuberculosis to be held in September 2018 in New York;
- **Detention of Palestinian minors in Israeli prisons** (*Rapporteur: Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier, Switzerland, SOC*): considered a preliminary draft report and agreed to change the title of the report to "The treatment of Palestinian minors in the Israeli justice system";
- **Committee's work programme and priorities:**
 - heard a statement by the Chairperson on the Committee's priorities in view of the budgetary situation in the Assembly, held an exchange of views, decided to confirm the cancellation of the Committee meeting originally scheduled to be held in Paris on 8 June 2018, and to come back to the question of whether to discontinue work on certain reports at one of its next meetings;
 - took note of the Committee of Ministers' reply to the Assembly's Recommendation 2104 (2017) on "Human rights of older persons and their comprehensive care" and of the Committee of Ministers' reply to the Assembly's Recommendation 2115 (2017) on "The use of new genetic technologies in human beings";
 - appointed Baroness Doreen Massey (United Kingdom, SOC) rapporteur on "Stepping up cooperation between European initiatives for better child protection against sexual violence" and heard from her a declaration of absence of conflict of interest, as well as from Ms Petra De Sutter who was appointed rapporteur in her absence during the January part-session for "Anonymous donation of gametes: balancing the rights of parents, donors and offspring";

- *appointed Committee representatives to external events as follows (subject to availability of funds):*
- ✓ 138th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, Interactive session on Sustainable Development Goals, 27 March 2018, Geneva, Switzerland: Ms Jennifer De Temmerman (France, NR);
- ✓ 34th Session of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe, 27-28 March 2018, Strasbourg, France: Mr Luís Leite Ramos (Portugal, EPP/CD);
- ✓ 13th meeting of the Committee on Bioethics (DH-BIO), 23-25 May 2018, Strasbourg, France: Ms Reina de Bruijn-Wezeman (Netherlands, ALDE) *in her absence*;
- ✓ The World Congress on Justice for Children, 28-30 May 2018, Paris, France: Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC);

- *heard reports from Committee representatives to external events, as follows:*

- ✓ Symposium on “Access and diversity of medically assisted reproduction in Europe”, 22-23 February 2018, Strasbourg, France: Ms Martine Mergen (Luxembourg, EPP/CD);

- **Changes in Sub-Committees:** approved the following changes:

Sub-Committee on Children

- ✓ Ms Anne Louhelainen (Finland, EC) becomes a full member;
- ✓ Mr Stefan Ruppert (Germany, ALDE) becomes a full member;

Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize

- ✓ Mr Matern von Marschall (Germany, EPP/CD) becomes the alternate of Ms Sybille BENNING (Germany, EPP/CD);
- ✓ Mr Kęstutis Masiulis (Lithuania, EPP/CD) becomes a full member;
- ✓ Baroness Doreen Massey (United Kingdom, SOC) becomes a full member.

- **Nuclear safety and security in Europe** (*Rapporteur: Ms Emine Nur Günay, Turkey, EC*): held an exchange of views with the participation of:

- ✓ Mr Anatoly Bondar, Chief Engineer, Belarusian Nuclear Power Plant;
- ✓ Mr Laurynas Juodis, Senior Scientific Researcher, Center for Physics Sciences and Technology, Lithuania;

- **Striking a balance between the best interest of the child and the need to keep the families together** (*Mr Valeriu Ghiletschi, Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD*): heard a statement by the rapporteur on his recent fact-finding visit to Norway;

- **The provision of palliative care in Europe** (*Mr Rónán Mullen, Ireland, EPP/CD*): heard a statement by the rapporteur on his recent fact-finding visit to Spain and agreed to submit to the Bureau a request for an extension of the reference until 31 December 2018;

- **Sub-Committee on Children:** heard a report from Baroness Doreen Massey (United Kingdom, SOC), Chairperson of the Sub-Committee, on the meeting held the same morning, and considered and unanimously adopted a revised draft report on the London seminar on children’s mental health and child-friendly justice, organised by the British parliament in London (6-7 November 2017) with a view to presenting the report to the general public during the April part-session 2018;

- **Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize:** heard a report from the Committee Chairperson, on the meeting held the same morning;

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

Plenary committee:

- Second part-session 2018 of the Assembly, 23-27 April 2018, Strasbourg;
- ~~Friday 8 June 2018, Paris (Council of Europe Office): **cancelled**;~~
- Third part-session 2018 of the Assembly, 25-29 June 2018, Strasbourg;
- Monday 17 September and Tuesday 18 September 2018, Lisbon (Portugal);
- Fourth part-session 2018 of the Assembly, 8-12 October 2018, Strasbourg;
- Tuesday 4 December 2018, Paris (Council of Europe Office).

The Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize, meeting in Paris on 20 March 2018, with Mr Stefan Schennach, Chairperson of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, in the Chair;

- elected by acclamation Mr John O'Reilly (Ireland, EPP/CD) Vice-Chairperson, *in his absence*;

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

- April part-session 2018 of the Assembly, Strasbourg (*date to be confirmed, to be held in camera*).

The Sub-Committee on Children, meeting in Paris on 20 March 2018, with Baroness Doreen Massey, in the Chair:

- **Follow-up to the seminar on children's mental health and child-friendly justice, organised by the British parliament in London (6-7 November 2017):** considered and adopted the revised draft report to be presented to the general public during the April part-session;

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

- June part-session 2018 of the Assembly, Strasbourg (*date to be confirmed*).

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