



AS/Soc (2018) CB 05  
20 September 2018

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

### Synopsis of the meeting held in Lisbon on 17 and 18 September 2018

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

- **Monday, 17 September 2018, from 10 am to 6 pm**, with Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:
  - **Exchange of views with the authorities of Portugal:** heard a welcome address by Mr Eduardo Ferro Rodrigues, President of the Assembly of the Republic of Portugal, and Ms Ana Catarina Mendes, Chairperson of the Portuguese delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly;
  - **Addressing the health needs of adolescents in Europe** (*Rapporteur: Baroness Doreen Massey, United Kingdom, SOC*): held an exchange of views with Ms Eleni Karayianni, Licensed Clinical Psychologist, Department of Psychology, University of Cyprus (Cyprus), on the basis of her expert memorandum;
  - **The role of national parliaments in successful decentralisation processes** (*Rapporteur: Mr Luís Leite Ramos, Portugal, EPP/CD*): held an exchange of views on the occasion of the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the European Charter of Local Self-Government, with the participation of:
    - ✓ Mr Carlos Miguel, Secretary of State for the Local Authorities of Portugal
    - ✓ Mr Andreas Kiefer, Secretary General of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe;considered a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution, with a view to presenting the report for debate in the Assembly during the October 2018 part-session;
  - **Protecting the rights of people with psychosocial disabilities with regard to involuntary measures in psychiatry** (*Rapporteur: Ms Reina de Bruijn-Wezeman, Netherlands, ALDE*): held an exchange of views with Mr Miguel Xavier, Professor of Psychiatry, Director of the Mental Health Programme, Directorate General of Health, Ministry of Health of Portugal; considered preliminary draft comments on the draft Additional Protocol to the Convention on Human Rights and Biomedicine concerning the protection of human rights and dignity of persons with mental disorder with regard to involuntary placement and involuntary treatment, and agreed to make them available to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination;
  - **Anonymous donation of sperm and oocytes: balancing the rights of parents, donors and children** (*Rapporteur: Ms Petra De Sutter, Belgium, SOC*): held a public hearing with the participation of:
    - ✓ Ms Carla Maria Pinho Rodrigues, President of the National Council of Medically Assisted Procreation of Portugal;
    - ✓ Mr Miguel Oliveira Da Silva, member of the Committee on Bioethics of the Council of Europe (DH-BIO), Portugal;
    - ✓ Ms Joanna Rose and Mr Christophe Masle, donor-conceived persons;
    - ✓ an anonymous donor;

- **The provision of palliative care in Europe** (*Rapporteur: Mr Rónán Mullen, Ireland, EPP/CD*): considered a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution as amended, with a view to presenting the report for debate in the Standing Committee in Helsinki, Finland, on 23 November 2018;
- **Sub-Committee on Public Health and Sustainable Development**: heard a report from Ms Martine Mergen (Luxembourg, EPP/CD), Sub-Committee Chairperson, on the meeting held in the morning and unanimously adopted a statement on the Global Kidney Exchange concept;
- **Sub-Committee on Children**: heard a report from Baroness Doreen Massey (United Kingdom, SOC), Sub-Committee Chairperson, on the meeting held in the morning;
- **Committee's work programme and priorities**:
  - appointed Ms Stella Kyriakides (Cyprus, EPP/CD) as Rapporteur (for report) on *Organ transplant tourism* and heard from her a declaration of absence of conflict of interest;
  - *Consideration of draft motions for a resolution/recommendation with a view to adoption by the Committee for tabling*: approved the following motion for a resolution for tabling: "Protecting the environment through transparent, inclusive and accountable land use"
- **Thursday, 18 September 2018, from 9.30 am to 4.30 pm**, with Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:
  - **Other business**: heard a statement by Ms Nina Kasimati (Greece, UEL) on the fifth anniversary of the murder of Pavlos Fyssas, proposing the proclamation of a European Day of Remembrance of the Victims and the Fight against Neo-Nazism on 18 September, and agreed to inform the Bureau of this proposal;
  - **Nuclear safety and security in Europe** (*Rapporteur: Ms Emine Nur Günay, Turkey, 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 October part-session 2018; and took note of the intention of Ms Stella Kyriakides (Cyprus, EPP/CD) to submit a dissenting opinion to the report;
  - **The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals – how parliaments and member States of the Council of Europe can contribute** (*Rapporteur: Ms Jennifer De Temmerman, France, NR*): considered an introductory memorandum and agreed to declassify it; held a public hearing with the participation of:
    - ✓ Mr José Luís Carneiro, Secretary of State of the Portuguese Communities;
    - ✓ Ms Marta Santos Pais, Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary General on Violence against Children;
    - ✓ Ambassador José Rui Carço, Director of the Council of Europe North-South Centre;
  - **Stress at work** (*Rapporteur: Mr Stefaan Vercaemer, Belgium, EPP/CD*): considered a revised introductory memorandum and held an exchange of views with the participation of:
    - ✓ Ms Malgorzata Milczarek, Project Manager, Prevention and Research Unit of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA) office in Bilbao, Spain;
    - ✓ Ms Juliet Hassard, Deputy Director of the Centre for Sustainable Working Life, Birkbeck University of London, United Kingdom;
  - **Sustainable urban development fostering social inclusion** (*Rapporteur: Ms Sybille Benning, Germany, EPP/CD*): held an exchange of views with Mr Joachim Schultz-Granberg, expert, Germany, on the basis of his expert memorandum;
  - **The societal impact of the "platform economy"** (*Rapporteur: Mr Luís Leite Ramos, Portugal, EPP/CD*): considered an introductory memorandum and held an exchange of views with the participation of:
    - ✓ Mr Tiago Souza d'Alte, expert, Portugal (on the basis of his expert memorandum);
    - ✓ Ms Cláudia Monteiro de Aguiar, MEP, Portugal;
  - **Air quality and diesel emissions in urban centres** (*Rapporteur: Mr Serhii Kiral, Ukraine, EC*): considered an introductory memorandum and heard a statement by the rapporteur on his fact-finding visit to the European Environment Agency;

- **Committee's work programme and priorities:** appointed Committee representatives to external events as follows (*subject to availability of funds*):
  - ✓ Fundamental Rights Forum, Vienna, Austria, 25-27 September 2018: Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC) (*at no cost to the Assembly*);
  - ✓ 5th meeting of the Ad hoc Committee for the Rights of the Child (CAHENF), Strasbourg, France, 16-18 October 2018: Lord Don Touhig (United Kingdom, SOC);
  - ✓ 35<sup>th</sup> Session of the Congress, Strasbourg, France, 6-8 November 2018: Mr Jean-Pierre Grin (Switzerland, ALDE);
  - ✓ 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Committee of the Parties to the Lanzarote Convention, The Hague, The Netherlands, 7-9 November 2018: Baroness Doreen Massey (United Kingdom, SOC);
  - ✓ 14<sup>th</sup> Plenary meeting of the Committee on Bioethics (DH-BIO), Strasbourg, France, 20-22 November 2018: Ms Reina de Bruijn-Wezeman (Netherlands, ALDE), and if she is unavailable Ms Stella Kyriakides (Cyprus, EPP/CD);
  - ✓ Parliamentary Conference on the World Trade Organization (WTO), Geneva, Switzerland, 6-7 December 2018: Ms Kerry McCarthy (United Kingdom, SOC);
- **Other business:** thanks to the good offices of Ms Jennifer de Temmerman (France, NR), a delegation visited the "Energy Observer" – hydrogen, solar- and wind-energy producing, emissions-free ship – at the maritime harbour of Alcantara in Lisbon;
- **Date and place of next meetings:** decided to hold its next meetings as follows:

**Plenary committee:**

- Fourth part-session 2018 of the Assembly, 8-12 October 2018, Strasbourg;
- Tuesday 4 December 2018, Paris (Council of Europe Office).

**Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize:**

- Friday, 28 September 2018, Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine;

\*\*\*\*

**The Sub-Committee on Public Health and Sustainable Development**, meeting in Lisbon on 17 September 2018, with Ms Martine Mergen, Chairperson, in the Chair:

- **Global Kidney Exchange concept:** considered a draft declaration on the Global Kidney Exchange concept and agreed to submit it to the plenary Committee with a view to its adoption;
- **Date and place of the next meeting:** January 2019 part-session.

\*\*\*\*

**The Sub-Committee on Children**, meeting in Lisbon on 17 September 2018, with Baroness Doreen Massey, Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Joint meeting of the Sub-Committee on Children and the Sub-Committee on Education, Youth and Sport in Tbilisi, Georgia from 17-18 October 2018:** heard an update on the preparations for the joint meeting and took note of the expressions of interest from the members of the Sub-Committee;

- **Date and place of the next meeting:** decided to hold its next meetings as follows:
- Fourth part-session 2018 of the Assembly, Strasbourg (*date to be confirmed*);
  - Joint meeting with the Sub-Committee on Education, Youth and Sport: Wednesday 17 October and Thursday 18 October 2018, Tbilisi, Georgia.

Tanja Kleinsorge, Aiste Ramanauskaite, Ayşegül Elveriş, Yulia Pererva

---

cc: Secretary General of the Assembly  
Secretaries of National Delegations and of Political Groups of the Assembly  
Secretaries of observer and partner for democracy delegations  
Secretary General of the Congress  
Secretary to the Committee of Ministers  
Directors General  
Director of the Private Office of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe  
Director of the Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights  
Director of Communication  
Permanent Representations to the Council of Europe