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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 4 December 2018

The Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, meeting in Paris on 4 December 2018, with Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- ***Germ-line genome editing in human beings***: heard a statement from Ms Petra De Sutter (Belgium, SOC), former rapporteur on “The use of new genetic technologies in human beings”, and unanimously adopted a declaration on this issue;
- ***Anonymous donation of sperm and oocytes: balancing the rights of parents, donors and children*** (Rapporteur: Ms Petra De Sutter, Belgium, SOC): considered a preliminary draft 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): held an exchange of views with the participation of:
  - ✓ Mr Martin Bortzmeyer, Head of the Delegation for Sustainable Development, Office of the General Commissioner for Sustainable Development, Ministry of Ecological and Solidarity Transition, France;
  - ✓ Ms Elisabeth Hege, Research Fellow, Governance and Financing of Sustainable Development, Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations (IDDRI);
  - ✓ Mr Benoît Simon, Chairman of Association 4D;
- ***Committee’s work programme and priorities***:
- considered and adopted the following motions for a resolution for tabling:
  - ✓ Ending violence against children: A Council of Europe contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals
  - ✓ Artificial intelligence and labour markets: friend or foe?
- ***Stress at work*** (Rapporteur: Mr Stefaan Vercaemer, Belgium, EPP/CD): considered a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution as amended;
- ***Impact of labour migration on left-behind children*** (Rapporteur: Mr Viorel Riceard Badea, Romania, EPP/CD): considered an introductory memorandum and, (subject to availability of funds) authorised the rapporteur to undertake a fact-finding visit to Italy;
- ***Addressing the health needs of adolescents in Europe*** (Rapporteur: Baroness Doreen Massey, 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 Standing Committee in Paris, on 1 March 2019;
- ***Organ transplant tourism*** (Rapporteur: Ms Stella Kyriakides, Cyprus, EPP/CD): considered an introductory memorandum and held an exchange of views with Mr Kristof Van Assche, Research Professor

in Health Law and Kinship Studies, University of Antwerp (Belgium), on the basis of his expert memorandum;

- **Sustainable urban development fostering social inclusion** (*Rapporteur: Ms Sybille Benning, Germany, EPP/CD*): considered a preliminary draft report;
- **Committee’s work programme and priorities:**
- appointed Lord Don Touhig (United Kingdom, SOC) rapporteur (*for opinion*) on “Unaccompanied and separated migrant children: the need for effective guardianship”, and heard from him a declaration of absence of conflict of interest;
- appointed Committee representatives to external events as follows (subject to availability of funds):
- ✓ 23<sup>rd</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 (Lanzarote Committee), Strasbourg, France, 5-7 March 2019: Baroness Doreen Massey (United Kingdom, SOC);
- ✓ 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Group of Experts on responses to violence against children (CAHENF-VAC), Strasbourg, France, 19-20 March 2019: Baroness Doreen Massey (United Kingdom, SOC) (*participation limited to 20 March*);
- heard a report from Committee representatives to external events, as follows:
- ✓ 1<sup>st</sup> WHO Global Conference on Air Pollution and Health, Geneva, Switzerland, 30 October – 1 November 2018: Mr Serhii Kiral (Ukraine, EC);
- ✓ 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Committee of the Parties to the Lanzarote Convention, The Hague, Netherlands, 7-9 November 2018: Baroness Doreen Massey (United Kingdom, SOC) on behalf of Ms Reina de Bruijn-Wezeman (Netherlands, ALDE);
- ✓ 14<sup>th</sup> Plenary meeting of the Committee on Bioethics (DH-BIO), Strasbourg, France, 20-22 November 2018: Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC);
- took note that the following motions had been transmitted to the Committee for information:
  - ✓ Dietary-related ill health
  - ✓ Protecting the environment through transparent, inclusive and accountable land use
- agreed to submit to the Bureau a request for an extension of the reference for the report on “Air quality and diesel emissions in urban centres” (*Rapporteur: Mr Serhii Kiral, Ukraine, EC*) until 30 June 2019;
- authorised Mr Luís Leite Ramos (Portugal, EPP/CD) to carry out a fact-finding visit to the European Commission and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in the framework of the preparation of his report on “The societal impact of the “platform economy”” (*subject to availability of funds*);
- **Changes in Sub-Committees:** approved the following changes:
  - Sub-Committee on Public Health and Sustainable Development**
    - ✓ Mr Maciej MASŁOWSKI (Poland, EC) becomes a full member.
  - Sub-Committee on Europe Prize**
    - ✓ Mr Maciej MASŁOWSKI (Poland, EC) becomes a full member.
- **Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize:** heard a report from Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC), Committee Chairperson, on the meeting held the same morning and approved the Rules of the design competition for the new Europe Prize trophy of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe;
- paid tribute to the work of Ms Martine Mergen (Luxembourg, EPP/CD) in view of her departure from the Parliamentary Assembly;

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

- welcomed the invitation of the Chairperson to hold the meeting in May 2019 in Vienna, Austria (*dates to be confirmed*).

**Plenary committee:**

- First part-session 2019 of the Assembly, 21-25 January 2019, Strasbourg;
- 19 March 2019, Paris (Council of Europe Office);
- Second part-session 2019 of the Assembly, 8-12 April 2019, Strasbourg
- mid-May 2019, Vienna (Austria) (*dates to be confirmed; subject to authorization by the Bureau*);
- Third part-session 2019 of the Assembly, 24-28 June 2019, Strasbourg;
- 12 September 2019, Paris (Council of Europe Office);
- Fourth part-session 2019 of the Assembly, 1-4 October 2019, Strasbourg;
- 3 December 2019, Paris (Council of Europe Office).

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**The Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize**, meeting in Paris on 4 December 2018, with Mr Ionuț-Marian Stroe (Romania, EPP/CD), Chairperson, in the Chair;

- approved the Rules of the design competition for the new Europe Prize trophy of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and decided to submit them to the Plenary Committee for endorsement;
- **Date and place of the next meeting:** January part-session 2019 of the Assembly, Strasbourg (*date to be confirmed*).

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**The Sub-Committee on Children**, meeting in Paris on 4 December 2018, with Baroness Doreen Massey (United Kingdom, SOC), Chairperson, in the Chair:

- heard an update by the Chairperson on the initiative to promote child participation in and through the Assembly;
- **Joint meeting of the Sub-Committee on Children and the Sub-Committee on Education, Youth and Sport** in Tbilisi, Georgia, 17-18 October 2018: took note of the conclusions of the joint-meeting;
- discussed the priorities for the Sub-Committee for 2019;
- **Date and place of the next meeting:** January part-session 2019 of the Assembly, Strasbourg (*date to be confirmed*).

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cc: Secretary General of the Assembly  
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