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

Synopsis of the meetings held in Strasbourg from 9 to 11 April 2019

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

- **Tuesday, 9 April 2019, at 8.30 am**, with Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:
 - **Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals: synergy needed on the part of all stakeholders, from parliaments to local authorities** (*Rapporteur: Ms Jennifer De Temmerman, France, NR*): took note that there were no amendments tabled to the draft resolution;
 - **Anonymous donation of sperm and oocytes: balancing the rights of parents, donors and children** (*Ms Petra De Sutter, Belgium, SOC*): took position on the amendments tabled by the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights, and unanimously decided to table one amendment and one sub-amendment to the draft recommendation on behalf of the Committee;
 - **Ending violence against children: A Council of Europe contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals** (*Rapporteur: Baroness Doreen Massey, United Kingdom, SOC*): considered a revised preliminary draft report and held an exchange of views with Ms Elda Moreno, Head of the Children's Rights and Sport Values Department of the Directorate General of Democracy, Council of Europe and agreed to submit to the Bureau a request to invite Ms Maud de Boer-Buquicchio, UN Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children, to address the Assembly during the plenary debate scheduled for the June 2019 part-session ;
 - **Changes in Sub-Committees**: approved the following change:
 - Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize**
 - ✓ Mr Kęstutis Masiulis (Lithuania, EPP/CD) becomes a full member;
 - **Committee's work programme and priorities**:
 - appointed Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC) rapporteur (*for report*) on "Artificial intelligence and labour markets: friend or foe?", and heard from him a declaration of absence of conflict of interests;
 - **Other business**:
 - agreed to submit to the Bureau a request to invite the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights, Ms Dunja Mijatović, and the Director General of the World Health Organization, Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, to address the Assembly during the June 2019 part-session, for the debate on the report "Ending coercion in mental health: the need for a human rights-based approach" (*Rapporteur: Ms Reina de Bruijn-Wezeman, Netherlands, ALDE*).

- **Thursday, 11 April 2018, at 2 pm** with Mr Luís Leite Ramos (Portugal, EPP/CD), first Vice-Chairperson, and then Ms Carina Ohlsson (Sweden, SOC), second Vice-Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:
 - **Anonymous donation of sperm and oocytes: balancing the rights of parents, donors and children** (Ms Petra De Sutter, Belgium, SOC): took position on the amendments tabled to the draft recommendation;
 - **Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize**: heard a report from the Vice-Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on the meeting held the same morning, and approved the proposals submitted by the Sub-Committee for the different prizes (see Appendix);
 - **Sub-Committee on Children**: heard a report from the Sub-Committee Chairperson on the meeting held on Wednesday;
 - **Air pollution: a challenge for public health in Europe** (Rapporteur: Mr Serhii Kiral, Ukraine, EC): considered a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution, with a view to presenting the report for debate at the Standing Committee in Paris, on 24 May 2019;
 - **The societal impact of the “platform economy”** (Rapporteur: Mr Luís Leite Ramos, Portugal, EPP/CD): heard back from the rapporteur’s fact-finding visit to the European Commission on 20-21 March 2019;
 - **Sub-Committee on Public Health and Sustainable Development**: was informed on the meeting held on Wednesday;
 - **Committee’s work programme and priorities**:
 - appointed (*in their absence*) rapporteurs for opinion, as follows:
 - ✓ Humanitarian action for refugees and migrants in countries at the southern Mediterranean Sea: Ms Jennifer De Temmerman (France, NR);
 - ✓ Missing refugee and migrant children in Europe: Lord Don Touhig (United Kingdom, SOC);
 - and will hear from them a declaration of absence of conflict of interests at the Committee’s next meeting;
 - *appointed Committee representatives to external events as follows (subject to availability of funds)*:
 - ✓ Regional Conference on “Multi-sectorial co-operation to prevent and combat Online Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse”, Strasbourg, France, 16-17 May 2019: Ms Sevinj Fataliyeva, Azerbaijan, EC (*at no cost to the Assembly*);
 - ✓ 84th Meeting of Permanent Correspondents, Pompidou Group, Lisbon, Portugal, 28-29 May 2019: Mr Joseph O’Reilly, Ireland, EPP/CD (*in his absence*);
 - ✓ “The path towards the Europe Prize: challenges and perspectives” seminar organised by the Municipality of Kharkiv, Kharkiv, Ukraine, 6 June 2019: Mr Ionuț-Marian Stroe, Romania, EPP/CD (*in his absence*);
 - ✓ Joint meeting of the Governing and Administrative Boards of the Council of Europe Development Bank, Lisbon, Portugal, 5-6 July 2019: Ms Nicole Trisse, France, NR (*in her absence*);
 - ✓ General Assembly and Youth Meeting 2019, Association of Towns Awarded the Europe Prize, Szeged, Hungary, 6-7 September 2019 (*dates to be confirmed*): Mr Ionuț-Marian Stroe, Romania, EPP/CD (*in his absence*);
 - ✓ 25th meeting of the Lanzarote Committee and capacity-building meeting, Cyprus, 15-18 October 2019: postponed the appointment to the next meeting of the Committee so that both members interested could present their candidacy;
 - heard a report from Mr Jean-Pierre Grin (Switzerland, ALDE) on his participation in the 36th Session of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities held in Strasbourg, France, on 2-4 April 2019, and

took note of Mr Grin's proposal to devote one of the future editions of the World Forum for Democracy to the topic of local and regional democracy, including local autonomy and citizen participation.

– **Other business:**

- reminded members that the deadline for submitting the participation form for the Committee meeting in Vienna on 13-14 May 2019, if interpretation is required, is Friday 12 April 2019;
- **Václav Havel Human Rights Prize:** took note of the call for nominations for the 2019 Václav Havel Prize, and of the fact that the deadline for applications was 30 April 2019;
- **Combating trafficking in human tissues and cells** (*Rapporteur: Mr Serhii Kiral, Ukraine, EC*): authorised the rapporteur to undertake a fact-finding visit (*subject to availability of funds*) to the National Agency for the Safety of medicines and health products in Saint Denis/Paris;

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

Plenary committee:

- 13-14 May 2019, Vienna (Austria);
- Third part-session 2019 of the Assembly, 24-28 June 2019, Strasbourg;
- 13 September 2019, Paris (Council of Europe Office);
- Fourth part-session 2019 of the Assembly, 30 September-4 October 2019, Strasbourg;
- 3 December 2019, Paris (Council of Europe Office).

The Sub-Committee on Children, meeting in Strasbourg on 10 April 2019, with Ms Stella Kyriakides (Cyprus, EPP/CD), Chairperson, in the Chair:

- **Promoting child participation in and through the Parliamentary Assembly:** heard an update from Baroness Doreen Massey (United Kingdom, SOC) on the latest developments in the framework of her initiative on this subject, and agreed upon the list of external participants for the meeting on child participation to be held during the June part-session 2019 of the Assembly;
- **Other business:**
 - took note that in 2019 the focus of the 18 November - the European Day on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse would be on “Empowering children to stop sexual violence”;
 - agreed to suggest to the Committee to prepare a statement concerning the recent measures in Brunei bringing back the death penalty, including for children;
- **Date and place of the next meetings:**
 - 14 May 2019, Vienna, Austria;
 - June part-session 2019 of the Assembly, in Strasbourg (*date to be decided*).

The Sub-Committee on Public Health and Sustainable Development meeting in Strasbourg on Wednesday, 10 April 2019, with Mr Stefan Schennach, Chairperson of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, in the Chair:

- elected by acclamation Ms Anne Kalmari (Finland, ALDE) Vice-Chairperson (*in her absence*);
- **Sub-Committee's work programme:** approved its work programme;
- **Date and place of the next meeting:** to be determined.

The Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize, meeting in Strasbourg on 11 April 2019, with Mr Luís Leite Ramos, Vice-chairperson of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, in the Chair:

- elected by acclamation Mr Kęstutis Masiulis (Lithuania, EPP/CD) Vice-Chairperson,

Then with Mr Kęstutis Masiulis (Lithuania, EPP/CD) Vice-Chairperson, in the Chair, **the Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize**:

- **Europe Prize 2019**: proposed to award the prize to Donostia/San Sebastián (Spain);
- **Plaques of Honour, Flags of Honour and European Diplomas for 2019**: proposed to award these distinctions to 22 towns as shown in the Appendix;
- **Seminar entitled “The path towards the Europe Prize: challenges and perspectives” organised by the Municipality of Kharkiv (Ukraine), on 6 June 2019**: was informed about this event;
- **General Assembly and Youth Meeting 2019, Association of Towns Awarded the Europe Prize, Szeged (Hungary), 6-7 September 2019 (dates to be confirmed)**: was informed about this event;
- **Date and place of the next meeting**:
 - Presentation ceremony of European Diplomas in Strasbourg (during the 2019 June part-session of the Assembly, on Thursday, 27 June (*date to be confirmed*));
 - Europe Prize presentation ceremony (Donostia/San Sebastián, *date to be decided*).

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Appendix

Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development

Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize

WINNERS OF THE EUROPE PRIZE, THE PLAQUE OF HONOUR, THE FLAG OF HONOUR AND THE EUROPEAN DIPLOMA FOR 2019

1. EUROPE PRIZE

The **Europe Prize**, which is the highest distinction, is awarded to **Donostia/San Sebastián** (Basque Country, Spain)

2. PLAQUES OF HONOUR

The **Plaque of Honour**, which is the second highest distinction after the Europe Prize, is awarded to 7 municipalities:

France	Meudon (Île-de-France)
	Suresnes (Île-de-France)
Germany	Flotwedel (Lower Saxony)
	Rehau (Bavaria)
Romania	Mioveni (Argeş County)
Turkey	Karşıyaka (Aegean region)
Ukraine	Khmelnyskyi (Khmelnyskyi oblast)

3. FLAGS OF HONOUR

The **Flag of Honour** is awarded to 7 municipalities:

France	Angers (Pays de la Loire)
Germany	Stuttgart (Baden-Württemberg)
Poland	Morawica (Voivodship of Świętokrzyskie)
	Ostrów Wielkopolski (Voivodship of Wielkopolskie)
Slovak Republic	Zemné (Nitra Region)
Turkey	Edremit (Aegean Region)
Ukraine	Lviv (Lviv Oblast)

4. EUROPEAN DIPLOMAS

The **European Diploma** is awarded to 8 municipalities:

Germany	Baienfurt (Baden-Württemberg)
	Malchin (Mecklenburg-Vorpommern)
	Neustadt bei Coburg (Bavaria)
	Umkirch (Baden-Württemberg)
Italy	Este (Veneto)
	Norma (Lazio)
	Ventotene (Lazio)
Spain	Mollet del Vallès (Catalonia)