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

Synopsis of the meeting held in Vienna (Austria) from 13 to 14 May 2019

The Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, meeting in Vienna (Austria):

- **Monday, 13 May 2019, at 9.30 am**, with Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:
 - **Exchange of views with the authorities of Austria:** heard a welcome address delivered by Mr Werner Amon, PACE Vice-President and Head of the Austrian delegation to PACE;
 - **Ending coercion in mental health: the need for a human rights-based approach** (*Rapporteur: Ms Reina de Bruijn-Wezeman, Netherlands, ALDE*): considered a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation, with a view to presenting the report for debate in the Assembly during the third part-session 2019;
 - **Ending violence against children: a Council of Europe contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals** (*Rapporteur: Baroness Doreen E. Massey, United Kingdom, SOC*): held an exchange of views with Ms Dorothy Rozga, former Executive Director of ECPAT International; considered a revised draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution as amended and a draft recommendation, with a view to presenting the report for debate in the Assembly during the third part-session 2019;
 - **The European Social Charter - annual conclusions for 2017 and 2018 of the European Committee of Social Rights (ECSR):** held an exchange of views with Ms Karin Lukas, Vice-President of ECSR, and Ms Ruth Ettl, Federal Workers Association (Austria);
 - **Other business:** thanks to the good offices of Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC), Chairperson of the Committee, delegations visited the Zwentendorf Nuclear Power Plant and the “Democracy Workshop” (initiative of the Austrian Parliament for children aged 6-18);
- **Tuesday, 14 May 2019, at 10 am**, with first Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC), Chairperson, and then Mr Luís Leite Ramos (Portugal, EPP/CD), First Vice-Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:
 - **Sub-Committee on Children:**
 - heard a report from the Committee Chairperson on the meeting held on 14 May 2019 in Vienna;
 - unanimously adopted a Committee statement on “Abolishing the death penalty, torture and inhuman treatment of children in Brunei”;
 - **Committee’s work programme and priorities:**
 - **Consideration of draft motions for a resolution/recommendation with a view to adoption by the Committee for tabling:** considered and adopted for tabling the following motion for a resolution: “Vaccine hesitancy: a major public health issue”;

- **Involuntary addiction to prescription medicines** (*Rapporteur: Mr Joseph O'Reilly, Ireland, EPP/CD*): held an exchange of views with Mr Roland Mader, Head of Department III of the Anton Proksch Institute (Austria), and considered an introductory memorandum;
- **The Council of Europe Development Bank: contributing to building a more inclusive society** (*Rapporteur: Ms Nicole Trisse, France, NR*): considered a preliminary draft report and agreed to propose that the Governor of the Council of Europe Development Bank, Mr Rolf Wenzel, be invited to address the Assembly during the plenary debate on this report provisionally scheduled for the October part-session 2019;
- **The societal impact of the “platform economy”** (*Rapporteur: Mr Luís Leite Ramos, Portugal, EPP/CD*): held an exchange of views with Mr Stephan Schulmeister, expert (Austria), considered a revised preliminary draft report, and decided to change the title to “The societal impact of the platform economy”;
- **Impact of labour migration on left-behind children** (*Rapporteur: Mr Viorel Badea, Romania, EPP/CD*): heard a statement by the rapporteur on his fact-finding visit to Italy on 11-12 March 2019;
- **Committee’s work programme and priorities:**
 - heard a declaration of absence of conflict of interest from Ms Jennifer De Temmerman (France, NR), rapporteur for opinion on “Humanitarian action for refugees and migrants in countries at the southern Mediterranean Sea” (appointed in her absence during the April part-session);
 - appointed Committee representatives to external events as follows (*subject to availability of funds*): 25th meeting of the Lanzarote Committee and capacity-building meeting, Cyprus, 15-18 October 2019: Baroness Doreen E. Massey (United Kingdom, SOC), and, *at no cost to the Assembly*, Mr Jean-Pierre Grin (Switzerland, ALDE);
 - heard a report from Baroness Doreen E. Massey (United Kingdom, SOC) on her participation in the Expert Conference on Sexual Violence against Women and Children in Sports held in Helsinki, Finland, on 29-30 April 2019;
 - **Artificial intelligence and labour markets: friend or foe?** (*Rapporteur: Mr Stefan Schennach, Austria, SOC*): held an exchange of views with Ms Judith Pühringer, Managing director of “arbeit plus” (Austria);
- **Changes in Sub-Committees:** approved the following changes:
 - Sub-Committee on Children**
 - ✓ Ms Martine Wonner (France, NR) becomes a full member;
 - Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize**
 - ✓ Ms Marija Ćatović (Montenegro, SOC) becomes a full member;
 - Sub-Committee on Public Health and Sustainable Development**
 - ✓ Ms Martine Wonner (France, NR) becomes the alternate of Ms Jennifer De Temmerman (France, NR);
- **Date and place of next meetings:**
 - Plenary committee:**
 - 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).

Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize:

- 27 June 2019, third part-session 2019 of the Assembly, Strasbourg (*date to be confirmed*);
- 19 September 2019, Europe Prize presentation ceremony, Donostia/San Sebastián, Spain (*subject to Bureau authorisation*).

The Sub-Committee on Children, meeting in Vienna on 14 May 2019, with Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC), Committee Chairperson, in the Chair:

- **Exchange of views with the authorities of Austria:** heard a welcome address delivered by Ms Daniela Gruber-Pruner, Chairperson of the Committee on Children's Rights, Parliament of the Republic of Austria;
- **Abolish the death penalty, torture and inhuman treatment of children in Brunei:** considered a draft declaration on abolishing the death penalty, torture and inhuman treatment of children in Brunei and agreed to submit it to the plenary Committee with a view to its adoption;
- **Promoting child participation in and through the Parliamentary Assembly:** took note of the update by Baroness Massey on the recent developments regarding the child participation initiative and of her request to respond to a short questionnaire (by 3 June 2019) as part of the preparation of the Sub-Committee meeting on this topic during the June part-session;
- **Date and place of the next meeting:**
 - Third part-session 2019 of the Assembly, Strasbourg (*date to be decided*).

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