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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 24 to 27 June 2019

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

- **Monday, 24 June 2019, at 2 pm**, with Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:
  - **Addressing sexual violence against children: stepping up action and co-operation in Europe** (*Rapporteur: Baroness Doreen E. Massey, United Kingdom, SOC*): decided to open the exchange of views with experts on Wednesday, 26 June, at 2 pm, to the public;
  - **Stop violence against, and exploitation of, migrant children** (*Rapporteur: Ms Sevinj Fataliyeva, Azerbaijan, EC*): considered and unanimously approved an opinion including five amendments to the draft resolution and one amendment to the draft recommendation tabled by the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons;
  - **Giving a voice to every child: promoting child participation as a foundation for democratic societies** (*Rapporteur: Baroness Doreen E. Massey, United Kingdom, SOC*): agreed to declassify the introductory memorandum prepared by the Rapporteur;
  - **Ending violence against children: a Council of Europe contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals** (*Baroness Doreen E. Massey, United Kingdom, SOC*): took note of the side-event being organised on behalf of the Committee on the occasion of the High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development on 15 July 2019 in New York, USA, on “We need to talk ... To stop sexual abuse of children in the circle of trust”, for which the Rapporteur was invited as one of the panellists, and authorised her participation in the event (*subject to Bureau authorisation*);
  - **Changes in Sub-Committees**: approved the following changes:
    - Sub-Committee on Children**
      - ✓ Mr Panagiotis Mitarachi (Greece, EPP/CD) becomes the alternate of Ms Nina Kasimati (Greece, UEL);
    - Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter**
      - ✓ Mr Pere López (Andorra, SOC) becomes a full member;
    - Sub-Committee on Public Health and Sustainable Development**
      - ✓ Mr Panagiotis Mitarachi (Greece, EPP/CD) becomes a full member;
- **Tuesday, 25 June 2019, at 2 pm**, with Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:
  - **Ending coercion in mental health: the need for a human rights-based approach** (*Rapporteur: Ms Reina de Bruijn-Wezeman, Netherlands, ALDE*): took note that there were no amendments to the draft

recommendation and took position on the amendment to the draft resolution tabled by the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination;

- ***Giving a voice to every child: promoting child participation as a foundation for democratic societies*** (*Rapporteur: Baroness Doreen E. Massey, United Kingdom, SOC*): considered the introductory memorandum prepared by the Rapporteur;
- ***The treatment of people with autism and their families*** (*Rapporteur: Ms Sevinj Fataliyeva, Azerbaijan, EC*): considered an introductory memorandum, approved a questionnaire to be distributed via the European Centre for Parliamentary Research and Documentation (ECPRD), decided to change the title of the report as follows “Supporting people with autism and their families”, and authorised the Rapporteur to undertake a fact-finding visit to the United Kingdom (*subject to the availability of funds*);
- ***The Council of Europe Development Bank: contributing to building a more inclusive society*** (*Rapporteur: Ms Nicole Trisse, France, NR*): 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 2019 part-session;
- ***Committee’s work programme and priorities:***
  - heard a declaration of absence of conflict of interest from Lord Don Touhig (United Kingdom, SOC), Rapporteur for opinion on “Missing refugee and migrant children in Europe” (*appointed in his absence during the April part-session 2019*);
  - appointed Committee representatives to external events as follows (*subject to the availability of funds*):
    - ✓ Expert seminar “Reinforcing social rights protection in Europe: towards more cohesion and equality”, Strasbourg, France, 19 September 2019: Mr Stefaan Vercamer (Belgium, EPP/CD)
  - *OECD Global Parliamentary Network*, Paris, 10 October 2019: appointed Ms Jennifer De Temmerman (France, NR), Baroness Doreen E. Massey (United Kingdom, SOC), Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC) and Ms Selin Sayek Böke (Turkey, SOC) as members of the ad hoc Committee of the Bureau to participate in the Network (*subject to Bureau authorisation*);
  - in the absence of a quorum, postponed the consideration of draft motions to be tabled on behalf of the Committee;
- **Wednesday, 26 June 2019, at 2 pm**, with first 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:
  - ***Ending violence against children: a Council of Europe contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals*** (*Rapporteur: Baroness Doreen E. Massey, United Kingdom, SOC*): took note that there were no amendments tabled to the draft resolution and the draft recommendation;
  - ***Addressing sexual violence against children: stepping up action and co-operation in Europe*** (*Rapporteur: Baroness Doreen E. Massey, United Kingdom, SOC*): considered a revised introductory memorandum and held an exchange of views with:
    - ✓ Ms Gioia Scappucci, Executive Secretary of the Lanzarote Committee (Committee of the Parties to the Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse);
    - ✓ Ms Tineke Sonck, Co-founder of the Belgian Voices in Sport Foundation;
- **Thursday, 27 June 2019, at 2 pm**, with Mr Luís Leite Ramos (Portugal, EPP/CD), First Vice-Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:
  - ***Committee’s work programme and priorities:***
    - in the absence of a quorum, encouraged the drafters of the draft motions to be tabled on behalf of the Committee to table them with members’ signatures instead;

- appointed Mr Jean-Pierre Grin (Switzerland, ALDE) as PACE General Rapporteur on Local and Regional Authorities for a second mandate, and heard from him a declaration of absence of conflict of interest;
- *World Forum for Democracy, Strasbourg, 6-9 November 2019*: took note of the dates of the next forum on the theme “Information and democracy”;
- *heard reports from Committee representatives to external events, as follows:*
  - ✓ 15<sup>th</sup> Plenary meeting of the Committee on Bioethics (DH-BIO), Strasbourg, France, 4-7 June 2019: Ms Reina de Bruijn-Wezeman (Netherlands, ALDE)
- appointed Committee representatives to external events, as follows (*subject to the availability of funds*):
  - ✓ 85th Meeting of Permanent Correspondents, Pompidou Group, Strasbourg, France, 20-21 November 2019: Mr Joseph O’Reilly (Ireland, EPP/CD) (*in his absence*)
- **Sub-Committee on Children:**
  - heard a report from Baroness Doreen E. Massey (United Kingdom, SOC), member of the Sub-Committee and Rapporteur on *Giving a voice to every child: promoting child participation as a foundation for democratic societies*, on the meeting held on 25 June 2019 in Strasbourg;
- **Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize:**
  - heard a report from the Sub-Committee Vice-Chairperson, Mr Kęstutis Masiulis (Lithuania, EPP/CD), on the meeting held on 27 June 2019 in Strasbourg, and approved the decision of the Sub-Committee regarding the winner of the design competition for the new Europe Prize trophy of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe;
- **Other business:**
  - was informed of the call for nominations for the 2019 North-South Prize of the Council of Europe;
- **Date and place of next meetings:**
  - Plenary committee:**
    - 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)

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**The Sub-Committee on Children**, meeting in Strasbourg on 25 June 2019, with Ms Stella Kyriakides (Cyprus, EPP/CD), Sub-Committee Chairperson, in the Chair:

- took note of the report of the Chairperson on the 2018 activities of the Sub-Committee;
- heard a presentation by Ms Mieke Schuurman, Senior Policy and Advocacy Co-ordinator Children's Rights & Child Participation, Eurochild, on “Promoting child participation: good practices and lessons learned”;
- held a workshop on “Promoting child participation in and through the Parliamentary Assembly”, with the participation of children, organised in co-operation with the *Themis Association* and the City of Strasbourg (*Ville et Eurométropole de Strasbourg*).
- **Date and place of the next meetings:**
  - 13 September 2019, Paris (Council of Europe Office);
  - Fourth part-session 2019 of the Assembly, 30 September- 4 October 2019, Strasbourg (*date to be decided*)

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**The Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize**, meeting in Strasbourg on 27 June 2019, with Mr Kęstutis Masiulis (Lithuania, EPP/CD) Sub-Committee Vice-Chairperson, in the Chair:

- considered the applications, and elected a winner, among the three finalists in the design competition for the new Europe Prize trophy of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> prize: Antoine Beurrier, Martin Dellinger and Xu Yang from the Strate Ecole de Design (Sèvres), France
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> prize: Kevin Chiam and Wei Haw Huang from the Royal College of Art (London), United Kingdom
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> prize: Anna Shchepakina and Alina Slobodian from the State Academy of Design and Fine Arts (Kharkiv), Ukraine
- held the awards ceremony of the 2019 European Diplomas, awarded to 8 cities;
- ***Date and place of the next meeting***: decided to hold its next meeting on the occasion of the Europe Prize presentation ceremony in Donostia/San Sebastián, Spain, on 19 September 2019.

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