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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 13 September 2019

The Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, meeting in Paris, on Friday, 13 September 2019, with Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- **The societal impact of the platform economy** (*Rapporteur: Mr Luís Leite Ramos, Portugal, 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 Assembly during the meeting of the Standing Committee on 29 November 2019 in Tbilisi (Georgia);
- **Combating trafficking in human tissues and cells** (*Rapporteur: Mr Serhii Kiral, Ukraine, EC*): in the absence of the Rapporteur, considered a preliminary draft report and held an exchange of views with:
 - ✓ Mr Jacinto Sánchez Ibáñez, Director – Tissue Establishment and Cryobiology Unit, University Hospital, A Coruña, Spain
 - ✓ Mr Givi Javashvili, Chairman of the National Council on Bioethics of Georgia; Professor and Head of Family Medicine Department – Tbilisi State Medical University
- **Organ transplant tourism** (*Rapporteur: Ms Stella Kyriakides, Cyprus, EPP/CD*): in the absence of the Rapporteur, considered a preliminary draft report;
- **The Council of Europe Development Bank: contributing to building a more inclusive society** (*Rapporteur: Ms Nicole Trisse, France, NR*): considered and unanimously approved the six amendments to the draft resolution proposed by the Rapporteur, to be tabled on behalf of the Committee; and heard a report from the Rapporteur on the Annual Joint Meeting of the Governing Board and the Administrative Council of the Council of Europe Development Bank, which was held in Lisbon (Portugal) on 5-6 July 2019;
- **Committee's work programme and priorities:**
 - appointed Mr Igor Kagramanyan (Russian Federation, NR) rapporteur (*for report*) on “Vaccine hesitancy: a major public health issue” in his absence;
 - took note of the reference transmitted to the Committee for information entitled “Reviewing effective marginal tax rates for low-income working families”;
- **Consideration of draft motions for a resolution/recommendation with a view to adoption by the Committee for tabling:** in the absence of a quorum, postponed the consideration of the draft motion to be tabled on behalf of the Committee;
- **Committee's work programme and priorities:**
 - 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: Ms Selin Sayek Böke (Turkey, SOC);
 - ✓ Joint Workshop on Family & 4th meeting of the European Social Cohesion Platform (PECS), Rome, Italy, 9-11 October 2019: Ms Françoise Hetto-Gaasch (Luxembourg, EPP/CD);

- ✓ 25th meeting of the Lanzarote Committee and capacity-building meeting, Nicosia, Cyprus, 15-18 October 2019: Ms Stella Kyriakides (Cyprus, EPP/CD) (*at no cost to the Assembly*) in addition to Baroness Doreen E. Massey (United Kingdom, SOC), and, *at no cost to the Assembly*, Mr Jean-Pierre Grin (Switzerland, ALDE), both appointed at the Committee's meeting in Vienna;
- ✓ International Conference on The Twelve Principles of Good Governance and the European Label of Governance Excellence (ELoGE) [Council of Europe Centre of Expertise for Good Governance], Strasbourg, France, 28 October 2019: Mr Luís Leite Ramos (Portugal, EPP/CD);
- ✓ 37th Session of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities, Strasbourg, France, 29-31 October 2019, Mr Jean-Pierre Grin (Switzerland, ALDE) (*at no cost to the Assembly*) and Ms Sybille Benning (Germany, EPP/CD);
- ✓ 16th Plenary meeting of the Council of Europe Committee on Bioethics (DH-BIO), Strasbourg, France, 19-21 November 2019: Ms Reina de Bruijn-Wezeman (Netherlands, ALDE);
- ✓ Round Table on Good Practices in Mental Health Care organised by the Committee on Bioethics (DH-BIO), Brussels, 26 November 2019: Ms Reina de Bruijn-Wezeman (Netherlands, ALDE) by video-conference (*to be confirmed*), and Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC);
- *heard reports from Committee representatives to external events, as follows:*
 - ✓ 6th meeting of the Ad hoc Committee for the Rights of the Child (CAHENF), Strasbourg, France, 21-22 May 2019: Lord Don Touhig (United Kingdom, SOC);
- ***Involuntary addiction to prescription medicines*** (*Rapporteur: Mr Joseph O'Reilly, Ireland, EPP/CD*): in the absence of the Rapporteur, considered and declassified a revised introductory memorandum and held an exchange of views with:
 - ✓ Ms Anne Guy, Secretariat Co-ordinator for the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Prescribed Drug Dependence of the House of Commons/House of Lords (United Kingdom)
 - ✓ Mr Thomas Clausen, Professor at the University of Oslo (Norway)
- ***Artificial intelligence and labour markets: friend or foe?*** (*Rapporteur: Mr Stefan Schennach, Austria, SOC*): considered an introductory memorandum and authorised a fact-finding visit to the ILO;
- ***Sub-Committee on Children***: heard a report from the Sub-Committee Vice-Chairperson on the meeting held in Paris on 13 September 2019;
- ***Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter***: heard a report from the Committee Chairperson on the meeting held in Paris on 13 September 2019;
- ***Changes in Sub-Committees***: approved the following changes:
 - Sub-Committee on Children**
 - ✓ Ms Tarja Filatov (Finland, SOC) becomes a full member;
 - Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize**
 - ✓ Ms Minna Reijonen (Finland, EC) becomes a full member;
 - Sub-Committee on Public Health and Sustainable Development**
 - ✓ Ms Minna Reijonen (Finland, EC) becomes a full member;
- ***Other business***: was reminded of the call for nominations for the 2019 North-South Prize of the Council of Europe;
- ***Date and place of next meetings:***
 - Plenary Committee**
 - Fourth part-session 2019 of the Assembly, 30 September-4 October 2019, Strasbourg;
 - 3 December 2019, Paris (Council of Europe Office);
 - First part-session 2020 of the Assembly, 27-31 January 2020, Strasbourg;

- 12 March 2020, Paris (Council of Europe Office) OR 12-13 March 2020 (*place to be determined, to be confirmed*);
- Second part-session 2020 of the Assembly, 20-24 April 2020, Strasbourg;
- 19 May 2020, Paris (Council of Europe Office);
- Third part-session 2020 of the Assembly, 22-26 June 2020, Strasbourg;
- 22 September 2020, Paris (Council of Europe Office);
- Fourth part-session 2020 of the Assembly, 12-16 October 2020, Strasbourg;
- 1 December 2020, Paris (Council of Europe Office);

Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize

- 19 September 2019, Europe Prize presentation ceremony, Donostia/San Sebastián, Spain;
- Fourth part-session 2019 of the Assembly, 30 September-4 October 2019, Strasbourg;
- First part-session 2020 of the Assembly, 27-31 January 2020, Strasbourg;
- Second part-session 2020 of the Assembly, 20-24 April 2020, Strasbourg.

The Sub-Committee on Children, meeting in Paris on 13 September 2019, with Ms Irina Pruidze (Georgia, EC), Sub-Committee Vice-Chairperson, in the Chair:

- ***Mid-term evaluation conference on the Council of Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2016-2021), to be held on 13-14 November 2019 in Strasbourg, France, and a proposal for a Joint meeting of the Sub-Committee on Children and the Sub Committee on the European Social Charter, to be held on 14-15 November 2019 in Strasbourg, France:*** discussed the proposal and agreed on the principle of holding the joint event;
- ***18 November: European Day on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse:*** discussed the contribution of the Sub-Committee;
- ***Joint meeting with the Sub-Committee on Refugee and Migrant Children and Young People:*** discussed the proposal and agreed on the principle of holding this joint event, open to the public, with a focus on 1) protection of migrant children's rights: follow-up to the Parliamentary Assembly's action; 2) protection of children against violence and the UN Sustainable Development Goals; and 3) future activities of the Parliamentary Assembly for the protection of the rights of migrant and left-behind children.
- ***Date and place of the next meetings:***
 - Fourth part-session 2019 of the Assembly, 1 October 2019, joint meeting with the Sub-Committee on Refugee and Migrant Children and Young People of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, Strasbourg;
 - Fourth part-session 2019 of the Assembly, 3 October 2019, joint meeting with the Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter, Strasbourg;
 - 13-14 November 2019, on the occasion of the Mid-term Stock-taking Conference on the Council of Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2016-2021), Strasbourg;
 - 14-15 November 2019, joint meeting with the Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter, Strasbourg;
 - 3 December 2019, Paris (Council of Europe Office);
 - First part-session 2020 of the Assembly, 27-31 January 2020, Strasbourg.

The Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter, meeting in Paris on 13 September 2019, with Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC), Committee Chairperson, in the Chair:

- Elected Mr Andrej Hunko (Germany, UEL) Vice-Chairperson of the Sub-Committee, in his absence;
- ***Proposed joint event with the Sub-Committee on Children in the margins of the Mid-term evaluation conference on the Council of Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2016-2021), on 14-15 November 2019 in Strasbourg, France:*** discussed the proposal and agreed on the principle of holding this joint event;

- **Expert seminar on “Reinforcing social rights protection in Europe: to achieve greater unity and equality”, on 19 September 2019 Strasbourg, France:** heard a statement by the Chairperson and took note of the availability of Ms Selin Sayek Böke (Turkey, SOC) to take part;
- **Date and place of the next meetings:**
 - Fourth part-session 2019 of the Assembly, 3 October 2019, joint meeting with the Sub-Committee on Children, Strasbourg;
 - 14-15 November 2019, joint meeting with the Sub-Committee on Children, Strasbourg;
 - First part-session 2020 of the Assembly, 27-31 January 2020, Strasbourg.

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