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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 30 September to 3 October 2019

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

- **Monday 30 September, at 2 pm, held a joint meeting with the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination** with Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC), Chairperson, and Ms Elvira Kovács (Serbia, EPP/CD), Chairperson of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, in the Chair, as regards:
 - **“Life after treatment” (of breast cancer):** held a public hearing with the participation of:
 - ✓ Ms Liz Egan, Team leader — Macmillan Working Through Cancer Programme (United Kingdom)
 - ✓ Ms Julie Daul, Occupational psychologist, *Ligue nationale contre le cancer*, Strasbourg (France)
- **Wednesday, 2 October 2019, at 2 pm**, with Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:
 - **The Council of Europe Development Bank: contributing to building a more inclusive society** (*Rapporteur: Ms Nicole Trisse, France, ALDE*): took note that there were no amendments to the draft resolution, except those unanimously approved and tabled by the Committee itself at its meeting on 13 September 2019;
 - **Missing refugee and migrant children in Europe** (*Rapporteur: Lord Touhig, United Kingdom, SOC*): postponed adoption of the opinion;
 - **Committee’s work programme and priorities:**
 - **Consideration of draft motions for a resolution/recommendation with a view to adoption by the Committee for tabling:** approved the motion for a resolution on “Socio-economic inequalities in Europe: time to restore social trust by strengthening social rights” for tabling on behalf of the Committee;
 - heard a declaration of absence of conflict of interest from Mr Igor Kagramanyan (Russian Federation, NR) rapporteur (*for report*) on “Vaccine hesitancy: a major public health issue” (*appointed in his absence during the Committee meeting in Paris on 13 September 2019*);
 - appointed rapporteurs as follows:
 - For report*
 - ✓ Combatting trafficking in human tissues and cells: Ms Reina de Bruijn-Wezeman (Netherlands, ALDE);
 - ✓ Organ transplant tourism: Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC);
 - ✓ Best interests of the child and policies to ensure a work-life balance: Ms Françoise Hetto-Gaasch (Luxembourg, EPP/CD);
 - ✓ Inaction on climate change – a violation of children’s rights: Ms Jennifer De Temmerman (France, ALDE);

- ✓ Artificial Intelligence (AI) in health care: medical, legal and ethical challenges ahead: Ms Selin Sayek Böke (Turkey, SOC);

and heard from them a declaration of absence of conflict of interest;

- appointed Committee representatives to external events, as follows (*subject to the availability of funds*):
 - ✓ 7th meeting of the Ad hoc Committee for the Rights of the Child (CAHENF), 12 November 2019, Strasbourg: Baroness Doreen E. Massey (United Kingdom, SOC);
 - ✓ International Conference on "New technologies in health: medical, legal and ethical issues", 21-22 November 2019, Thessaloniki, Greece: Ms Selin Sayek Böke (Turkey, SOC);
 - ✓ Lisbon Forum on "Building together the SDGs", 25 November 2019, Lisbon, Portugal: Baroness Doreen E. Massey (United Kingdom, SOC), Ms Jennifer De Temmerman (France, ALDE), Ms Nina Kasimati (Greece, UEL) and (*at no cost to the Assembly*) Mr Jean-Pierre Grin (Switzerland, ALDE);
- **World Forum for Democracy, Strasbourg, 6-8 November 2019:** took note of the dates of the next forum on the theme "Information and democracy" and designated Ms Selin Sayek Böke (Turkey, SOC) and Mr Joseph O'Reilly (Ireland, EPP/CD) as members of the ad hoc Committee of the Bureau to participate in the Forum;
- heard reports from Committee representatives to external events, as follows:
 - ✓ Expert seminar on "Reinforcing social rights protection in Europe: towards more cohesion and equality", Strasbourg, 19 September 2019: Ms Selin Sayek Böke (Turkey, SOC);

- **Changes in Sub-Committees:** approved the following changes:

Sub-Committee on Children

- ✓ Mr Kyriakos Velopoulos (Greece, EC/DA) becomes the alternate of Ms Nina Kasimati (Greece, UEL)

Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter

- ✓ Mr Sergey Kalashnikov (Russian Federation, UEL) becomes a full member

Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize

- ✓ Mr Kyriakos Velopoulos (Greece, EC/DA) becomes a full member
- ✓ Mr Sokratis Famellos (Greece, UEL) becomes the alternate of Mr Kyriakos Velopoulos (Greece, EC/DA)

Sub-Committee on Public Health and Sustainable Development

- ✓ Mr Sokratis Famellos (Greece, UEL) becomes a full member

- **Thursday, 3 October 2019, at 2 pm**, with Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:
 - **The Council of Europe Convention against Trafficking in Human Organs (CETS No.216):** held a launch event for the Handbook for Parliamentarians on the Convention with an opening by Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, a presentation of the Handbook by Mr Kristof Van Assche, Research Professor in Health Law and Kinship Studies, University of Antwerp, and a public hearing with the participation of:
 - ✓ Mr Jan Kleijssen, Director, Information Society and Action against Crime Directorate
 - ✓ Ms Marta Lopez Fraga, Scientific Programme Officer, HealthCare Section, European Directorate for the Quality of Medicines and Health Care

- **Human rights and business – What follow-up to Committee of Ministers Recommendation CM/Rec(2016)3?** (Rapporteur: Mr Mikayel Melkumyan, Armenia, EC/DA): considered and approved an opinion including six amendments to the draft resolution and one amendment to the draft recommendation tabled by the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights;

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

Plenary Committee

- 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

- 3 December 2019, Paris (Council of Europe Office)
- 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 and the Sub-Committee on Refugee and Migrant Children and Young People of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, meeting in Strasbourg on 1 October 2019, with Ms Irina Pruidze (Georgia, EC/DA), and Lord Alexander Dundee (United Kingdom, EC/DA) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Council of Europe action for the protection of migrant children’s rights:** held an exchange of views with Ms Snežana Samardžić-Marković, Director General of Democracy;
- **Co-operation with the Parliamentary Assembly on the protection of children (including migrant children):** held an exchange of views with Ms Maria-Andriani Kostopoulou, Chair of the Ad hoc Committee on the Rights of the Child (CAHENF), Council of Europe, and Mr Mikaël Poutiers, Administrator at the Lanzarote Committee, Council of Europe;
- **Protection of children against violence and the UN Sustainable Development Goals:** held an exchange of views with Baroness Doreen E. Massey (United Kingdom, SOC), Rapporteur on “Ending violence against children: a Council of Europe contribution to the UN Sustainable Development Goals”;
- **Future activities of the Parliamentary Assembly for the protection of the rights of migrant and left-behind children:** held an exchange of views with Ms Rósa Björk Brynjólfssdóttir (Iceland, UEL), Rapporteur on “Stop violence against, and exploitation of, migrant children”, and Mr Viorel Riceard Badea (Romania, EPP/CD), Rapporteur on the “Impact of labour migration on left-behind children”;
- **Next meetings:** left it to the Chairpersons to convene the next meetings.

The Sub-Committee on Children and the Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter, meeting in Strasbourg on 3 October 2019, with Ms Irina Pruidze (Georgia, EC/DA) and Mr Andrej Hunko (Germany, UEL) in the Chair, as regards:

- ***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:*** considered the draft agenda for the joint meeting;
- ***Next meetings:***

Sub-Committee on Children

- On the occasion of the Mid-term Evaluation Conference on the Council of Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2016-2021), 13-14 November 2019, Strasbourg;
- Joint meeting with the Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter, 14-15 November 2019, Strasbourg;
- First part-session 2020 of the Assembly, 27-31 January 2020, Strasbourg;

Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter

- Joint meeting with the Sub-Committee on Children, 14-15 November 2019, Strasbourg;
- First part-session 2020 of the Assembly, 27-31 January 2020, Strasbourg.

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