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

### Synopsis

#### of the meeting held by videoconference on 6 July 2020

The Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, meeting by videoconference on Monday, 6 July 2020, from 2.00 to 4.30 pm, with Mr Luís Leite Ramos (Portugal, EPP/CD), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize:** heard a report from the Sub-Committee Chairperson, Mr Kęstutis Masiulis (Lithuania, EPP/CD), on the meeting held by videoconference on 6 July 2020 and approved the proposal of the Sub-Committee to award the 2020 Europe Prize to Amilly (France);
- **Sub-Committee on Children:** heard a report from the Sub-Committee Chairperson, Ms Martine Wonner (France, ALDE), on the meeting held by videoconference on 6 July 2020;
- **Committee's work programme and priorities:**
- appointed rapporteurs as follows:

*For report:*

- ✓ For an assessment of the means and provisions to combat children's exposure to pornographic content: Mr Dimitri Houbbron (France, ALDE);
- ✓ Deinstitutionalisation of persons with disabilities: Ms Reina de Bruijn-Wezeman (Netherlands, ALDE);
- ✓ Eradicating extreme child poverty in Europe: an international obligation and a moral duty: Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez (Switzerland, SOC);
- ✓ Anchoring the right to a healthy environment: need for enhanced action by the Council of Europe / Artificial intelligence and climate change: Mr Simon Moutquin (Belgium, SOC);

*For opinion:*

- ✓ Effective guardianship for unaccompanied and separated migrant children: Ms Sibel Arslan (Switzerland, SOC);

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

- took note of the reference transmitted to the Committee for information on “Introducing sustainable management practices in forests of the continental biogeographical region”;
- having verified the quorum, approved two motions for a resolution, on “Impact of COVID-19 on children’s rights” and on “Air quality strategy to reduce the spread of coronavirus”, for tabling on behalf of the Committee;
- appointed Ms Sibel Arslan (Switzerland, SOC) as PACE General Rapporteur on Local and Regional Authorities and heard from her a declaration of absence of conflict of interest;
- **World Forum for Democracy, Strasbourg, 16-18 November 2020:** took note of the dates of the next forum on the theme “Can democracy save the environment?” and designated as members of the ad hoc Committee of the Bureau to participate in the Forum: Mr Geraint Davies (United Kingdom, SOC), Mr Jean-Pierre Grin (Switzerland, ALDE), Mr Luís Leite Ramos (Portugal), Baroness Doreen E. Massey (United Kingdom, SOC), Mr Simon Moutquin (Belgium, SOC), Mr Stefan Schennach (Austria, SOC) and Ms Martine Wonner (France, ALDE);

- *heard reports from Committee representatives to external events as follows:*
  - ✓ Plenary meeting of the Lanzarote Committee, 15-17 June 2020, KUDO platform: Baroness Doreen E. Massey (United Kingdom, SOC);
  - ✓ Thematic meeting of the European Committee on Democracy and Governance (CDDG) on “A democratic response to COVID-19”, 18 June 2020, KUDO platform: Mr Jean-Pierre Grin (Switzerland, ALDE);
  - ✓ Meeting of the Committee of Ministers’ Rapporteur Group on Social and Health Questions (GR-SOC), 23 June 2020, KUDO Platform: Mr Luís Leite Ramos (Portugal, EPP/CD);
  - ✓ Meeting of the North-South Centre’s Executive Committee, 30 June 2020, KUDO Platform: Mr Luís Leite Ramos (Portugal, EPP/CD);
- appointed Committee representatives to external events as follows, *subject to the availability of funds:*
  - ✓ Meeting of the Current Affairs Committee of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe, 16 September 2020, KUDO Platform: Ms Sybille Benning (Germany, EPP/CD) and Ms Sibel Arslan (Switzerland, SOC);
  - ✓ 27<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Lanzarote Committee, 21-25 September 2020, Strasbourg: Mr Jean-Pierre Grin (Switzerland, ALDE) (*at no cost to the Assembly*), and Baroness Doreen E. Massey (United Kingdom, SOC);
  - ✓ 39<sup>th</sup> session of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe, 27-29 October 2020, Strasbourg: Ms Sibel Arslan (Switzerland, SOC);
- **Changes in Sub-Committees:** approved the following changes:
  - Sub-Committee on Children**
    - ✓ Mr Richard Bacon (United Kingdom, EC/DA) became a full member;
  - Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter**
    - ✓ Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez (Switzerland, SOC) became the alternate of Mr Jean-Pierre Grin;
    - ✓ Ms Olena Khomenko (Ukraine, EC/DA) became a full member;
    - ✓ Mr Mark Fletcher (United Kingdom, EC/DA) became a full member;
    - ✓ Ms Ruth Jones (United Kingdom, SOC) became a full member;
  - Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize**
    - ✓ Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez (Switzerland, SOC) became a full member;
    - ✓ Ms Sibel Arslan (Switzerland, SOC) became the alternate of Mr Pierre-Alain Fridez;
    - ✓ Ms Carmen Leyte (Spain, SOC) became a full member;
    - ✓ Ms Ruth Jones (United Kingdom, SOC) became the alternate of Mr John Howell;
  - Sub-Committee on Public Health and Sustainable Development**
    - ✓ Mr Geraint Davies (United Kingdom, SOC) became a full member;
- **Impact of labour migration on migration on left-behind children** (*Rapporteur: Mr Viorel Badea, Romania, EPP/CD*): considered a revised preliminary draft report;
- **Discrimination against persons dealing with long-term illness** (*Rapporteur: Ms Martine Wonner, France, ALDE*): considered a revised introductory memorandum;
- **Climate change and the rule of law: baseline study** (*Rapporteur: Ms Edite Estrela, Portugal, SOC*): considered a revised introductory memorandum, decided to change the title to: “The climate crisis and the rule of law”, and held an exchange of views with:
  - ✓ Mr Pawel Wargan, Council Member and Campaign Co-ordinator, Green New Deal for Europe;
  - ✓ Mr Robert Vautard, Director, Institut Pierre-Simon Laplace, Université Versailles Saint-Quentin;

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

- 22 September 2020, Paris (Council of Europe Office) OR on the KUDO platform (*to be confirmed*);
- October part-session 2020 of the Assembly, 12-16 October 2020, Strasbourg (*to be confirmed*);
- 1 December 2020, Paris (Council of Europe Office) (*to be confirmed*).

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**The Sub-Committee on the Europe Prize**, meeting by videoconference on Monday, 6 July 2020, from 9 to 10 am, with Mr Kęstutis Masiulis (Lithuania, EPP/CD), Chairperson, in the Chair:

- **Europe Prize 2020:** proposed to award the 2020 Europe Prize to Amilly (France);

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

- Presentation ceremony of European Diplomas in Strasbourg during the October part-session 2020 of the Assembly (12-16 October) or during the June part-session 2021 of the Assembly (*date to be confirmed*);
- Europe Prize presentation ceremony (Amilly, France, *date to be defined*).

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**The Sub-Committee on Children**, meeting by videoconference on Monday, 6 July 2020, from 10.45 am to 12 noon, with Mr Jean-Pierre Grin (Switzerland, ALDE), Vice-Chairperson, in the Chair:

- elected by acclamation Ms Martine Wonner (France, ALDE), Chairperson;
- **Work programme:** approved the Sub-Committee priorities and work programme for the year;
- held an exchange of views on the pilot initiative on promoting child participation in the work of the Parliamentary Assembly, organised as part of the preparation of the report on “Giving a voice to every child: promoting child participation as a foundation for democratic societies” (Rapporteur: Baroness Doreen E. Massey, United Kingdom, SOC);

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

- October part-session 2020 of the Assembly, 12-16 October 2020, Strasbourg (*to be confirmed*);
- 1 December 2020, Paris (Council of Europe Office) (*to be confirmed*).

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