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Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee

Minutes

of the first meeting of contact parliamentarians to stop sexual violence against children held in Strasbourg on Wednesday 26 January 2011, from 2 pm to 3 pm

Ms Maury Pasquier, Chairperson of the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee, opened the meeting and welcomed all participants. She reminded them of the items on the agenda, starting with a presentation by Ms Maud de Boer-Buquicchio, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe, to whom she addressed a special welcome. This would be followed by a presentation of the Handbook for Parliamentarians and an address by the President of the Parliamentary Assembly, Mr Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu. After an exchange of views on the future work programme of the network of contact parliamentarians, the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee would formally reconstitute its three Sub-Committees.

The Chairperson then wished to make a personal introduction to the campaign (see Appendix I).

She then gave the floor to **Ms Maud de Boer-Buquicchio**, "patron" of the campaign, reminding everybody that without her and her personal commitment the Council of Europe would certainly neither have such intensive activities in the field of children's rights, nor have launched the present campaign.

The presentation given by the **Deputy Secretary General** can be found in <u>Appendix II</u>.

The Chairperson thanked Ms Maud de Boer-Buquicchio for her presentation and her support of the parliamentary dimension of the campaign. She then gave the floor to **Ms Kleinsorge**, Head of the Committee Secretariat for a presentation of the Handbook and its main characteristics.

The Power Point slides used by **Ms Kleinsorge** for her presentation are available for all members on the <u>PACE</u> <u>Extranet</u>.

The Chairperson thanked Ms Kleinsorge for her presentation and informed members that the Handbook was available to all interested members as of today. During the next three days, this publication and many others concerning children's rights would be available on a stand in front of the hemicycle, where more information on the campaign could be obtained from members of the Secretariat (Parliamentary Assembly and intergovernmental sector).

Following the request of **Ms Ukkola** from Finland, **the Chairperson** also pointed out that the current number of ratifications of the Lanzarote Convention could be found at the back of the handbook, where the official table of ratifications and signatures was presented as it stood as of 18 January 2011.

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The **Deputy Secretary General** once again invited all members to promote this Convention at national level, even though legislative processes were known to take a long time.

Ms Ohlssson expressed her gratitude for the handbook that would, according to her, certainly be a useful tool in this respect. She suggested that the Power Point presentation be made available to all delegations as an additional tool for promoting the Lanzarote Convention.

Ms Roseira supported the campaign launch especially given that sexual abuse was a direct attack on the personal development of children. She suggested that all campaign material be made available to parliamentarians, including the TV spot on "Kiko". For her, harmonised communication and a unified message were important success factors of the campaign.

The **Deputy Secretary General** pointed out that the TV spot already existed in English, French, Italian and Dutch, as did the children's book. Both were aimed at facilitating discussions with young children (3-4 years) and further support from governments and parliaments in order to have this material translated into more languages would be most welcome.

Ms Taktakishivili mentioned the fact that work on the issue was underway in her own country, Georgia, where notably the situation of children in closed institutions was being looked at in co-operation with the Ombudman of the Republic.

Ms Anderson thanked the Secretariat for the excellent overview of the handbook, however questioned whether further international texts needed to be ratified before countries could ratify the Lanzarote Convention. She further questioned whether the Lanzarote Convention contained previsions obliging people in contact with children to report cases of sexual abuse (given the importance of the neutrality and confidentiality of contact persons in some cases).

The Chairperson, supported by Ms Kleinsorge, assured Ms Anderson that the objective of the present handbook was to promote the Lanzarote Convention only. The Lanzarote Convention furthermore did not provide for any duty to report sexual abuse, but strongly encouraged it.

Mr Katrinis informed members that the President of the Greek parliament, in co-operation with two important national NGOs, was about to launch a national campaign against sexual abuse of children, and wondered if, in order to make national legislation watertight, a relevant European Union (EU) directive needed to be ratified before continuing to ratify the Council of Europe text.

The **Deputy Secretary General** reassured him by saying that Greece, having ratified the Lanzarote Convention, should already be in compliance with this text, and that the Council of Europe Convention could be translated into national legislation without without the need for any EU directives. There was continuous and close co-operation between the Council of Europe and the European Union in this field, and it was widely recognised that the Council of Europe text was more comprehensive than the EU directive under preparation. Generally speaking, she would be happy to support the Greek campaign by all possible means.

The Chairperson stated that, being a Swiss national herself, she was quite happy that the Lanzarote Convention was a Council of Europe text and not one of the European Union.

After this exchange of views on the available tools, the **Chairperson** welcomed **Mr Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu**, President of the Parliamentary Assembly and gave him the floor.

The personal address by the President can be found in Appendix III.

The Chairperson thanked the President for his kind and supportive words. She then drew members' attention to document 3 which contained concrete proposals for the work programme 2011 of the parliamentary dimension to the campaign:

- The publication and, as of now, use of the Handbook for Parliamentarians for the promotion of the Lanzarote Convention at national level;
- The organisation of four meetings of contact parliamentarians in 2011, three of them during the partsessions of the Assembly, and possibly (according to the availability of funds) one external meeting in May 2011, all of them aimed at exchanging views, experience and good practice concerning the protection of children against sexual abuse;

- The preparation of at least two reports concerning the issue of sexual violence against children ("What can Europe do for children in the aftermath of natural disasters and crisis situations: the example of Haiti" and "Combating 'child pornography' as part of the campaign to stop sexual violence against children" (working title));
- The support of any activity that a national delegation wished to organise in its parliament that was linked to the issue or could be undertaken directly within the campaign.

The Chairperson invited all members who intended to initiate national activities to approach the Committee Secretariat as soon as possible, ideally during the current part-session. She then closed the meeting by thanking all participants for their presence and by inviting everybody to attend the next meeting of contact parliamentarians to be held during the second part-session of the Assembly in April.

Appendix I

Introduction by Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier, Chairperson of the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee:

- Welcome to all the contact parliamentarians appointed for the campaign and the members of the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee. I am pleased to see such a large turn-out at this meeting and to see how many people have mobilised in support of this campaign. To be more precise, 28 contact parliamentarians have been officially appointed to that position by 26 national delegations, and we are awaiting further appointments in the weeks ahead. I very much hope that this initial commitment will be maintained throughout the campaign to ensure that it is a dynamic and constructive process.
- I would like to remind you of what has already taken place in the last few months. Initiated by the intergovernmental sector of the Council of Europe, represented here by colleagues from the Directorate General of Social Cohesion (DG III) and, in particular, the "Building a Europe with and for Children" programme, the campaign was officially launched in Rome on 29 and 30 November 2010. From the outset, the Parliamentary Assembly decided to support the campaign by adding a parliamentary dimension, given that this type of action had proved very fruitful in the past. For example, the parliamentary dimension of the campaign against trafficking in human beings definitely helped to increase the number of ratifications of the Convention on trafficking.
- Thanks to its involvement in the campaign from the start, the Parliamentary Assembly was able to play a very active part in the launch event in Rome, at which 14 parliamentarians were present, including 11 members of the Assembly and 3 contact parliamentarians.
- The two main goals of the campaign are (1) to raise awareness among decision-makers and the general public of the issue of sexual abuse and exploitation of children, which, unfortunately, is still very much present in our "modern" societies, and (2) to encourage the signature, ratification and implementation of the Lanzarote Convention to ensure that the high standards set in that instrument will soon be shared by as many countries as possible and will be put into practice through political and legislative action in the near future (if that is not yet the case).
- I would also like to remind you of the main aims of this meeting: to bring together for the first time the newly formed network and officially launch the Handbook for Parliamentarians which has just been published and will be made available to you today to facilitate your understanding of the Lanzarote Convention, which is a very comprehensive and also very complex instrument. A more detailed presentation is coming up shortly.
- All of us present here today certainly feel the same horror at the shocking reports of cases of child abuse that occur regularly in all our countries and in different contexts (the family, educational or child-minding institutions, leisure associations etc).
- I invite you to bear in mind throughout the campaign that its primary objective is to raise awareness of the issue as widely as possible among political decision-makers and members of the public. European parliaments play a special part in this. So there is no need for campaign activities to focus exclusively on the Lanzarote Convention, although it remains a central element: activities to promote the themes of the campaign can be developed more freely. I will leave it to your initiative to develop and propose innovative national campaign activities.

Appendix II

Speech by Ms Maud de Boer-Buquicchio, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe, at the first meeting of the Network of Contact Parliamentarians to stop sexual violence against children:

Madam Chairperson, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Last November, we launched in Rome the Council of Europe "One in Five" campaign to eliminate sexual violence against children. I am delighted to see the Parliamentary Assembly fully on board in this campaign and I am most grateful to you for having volunteered to act as contact parliamentarians in your respective countries.

As you know, the campaign has two main objectives:

Our **first objective** is to obtain the signature, ratification and implementation of the Council of Europe Convention on the protection of children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse (the Lanzarote Convention).

The Lanzarote Convention is a groundbreaking treaty that contains all the measures needed to prevent sexual violence, protect children and put an end to the impunity of the criminals.

The handbook that will be presented in a few minutes is an excellent guide to this Convention and convincingly explains the background to each of its provisions. I encourage you to use it as a tool to promote the Lanzarote Convention in your countries and beyond, should you have the opportunity to do so.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

This is more than an "awareness-raising campaign". This is an "empowering campaign". The **second objective** of the campaign is indeed to equip children, parents and professionals working with them with the knowledge and tools they need to prevent and report sexual violence.

To do so, we are collecting and disseminating information and good practices, we are promoting networking and making available expertise and advice. We are also developing "prêt-à-porter" material targeting children and their families, providing advice on how to discuss this very sensitive issue.

The "Underwear Rule" material, including a TV spot, a website and a book for children is enjoying a great success. Thanks to the non-profit Association "Act responsible", the TV spot will be aired by Euronews several times a day during the next four months, reaching over 199 million households in 130 countries.

Sexual abuse scandals are hitting the headlines of virtually all countries in Europe. They very often reveal the lacunae in legislation, the weaknesses of child protection policies and the absence of awareness and prevention programmes. They also show that sexual violence is a complex, sensitive, widespread phenomenon which can only be addressed if all social and political forces join efforts.

This is why we have invited our governments to set up national campaign teams which would involve all relevant stakeholders at national level, including, of course, national parliaments. I would be most grateful if you could **support the launching of campaigns at national level**. You could do so by contacting our focal points in the governments or any relevant authority in your country.

This is a campaign about a 'secret' but **should not be a secret campaign**. This is why we decided to follow the advice of leading European experts in the fight against sexual violence and in communication and opted for an approach that we knew would generate the much needed public debate.

The campaign approach has already proved its effectiveness. It has also proved that we have to be prepared to display all the arguments and to be challenged in our messages. Therefore, I encourage you to discover our recent publication "Protecting children from sexual violence - A comprehensive approach", which contains a very interesting selection of expert articles and responses to many of the questions that you may be confronted with.

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Dear friends,

I cannot stress enough how important and useful the Parliamentary Assembly efforts invested in challenging child abuse are. I am at your disposal and eager to listen to your suggestions, concerns and achievements. I certainly also look forward to sharing and celebrating with you the results of our joint endeavour.

Appendix III

Speech of the President of the Parliamentary Assembly, Mr Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu, at the first meeting of contact parliamentarians of the Council of Europe campaign to stop sexual violence against children

Deputy Secretary General, Ladies and Gentlemen, Dear colleagues,

Every child is a person who, like every other human being, is born free and equal in dignity and rights. The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child guarantees the right of all children to be protected from "all forms of sexual exploitation and sexual abuse". However, it is estimated that one child in five becomes a victim of sexual exploitation or abuse of some form at least once in their life-time. These figures are frightening. Each and every one of us should feel concerned.

All of us who are here today <u>do</u> feel concerned. Any form of violence against children is an unacceptable crime which erodes the moral foundations of our society. Sexual violence against children is one of the worst forms of violence and a grave violation of the fundamental human rights and freedoms which we, at the Council of Europe, stand for.

The Council of Europe has developed a legal instrument to protect children and to provide assistance to victims: this is the Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (the Lanzarote Convention). We can say without exaggeration that it is the most comprehensive and most innovative instrument worldwide today, as it even refers to very recent forms of child abuse, for example through new media and the Internet.

The Lanzarote Convention came into force on 1 July 2010. But for the Convention to protect all our children, all Council of Europe member States need to sign, ratify and implement it. The Parliamentary Assembly fully supports the Council of Europe campaign "One in Five" to stop sexual violence against children, which was launched in Rome on 29-30 November 2010. The focus of the parliamentary dimension of the campaign will be on associating national parliaments with the campaign and promoting the Lanzarote Convention.

Dear colleagues, friends,

I am very proud of the fact that the Assembly will be playing an active role in this new campaign. Once again, the intergovernmental sector and the Assembly will be working "hand in hand" on such an important project.

Parliamentary action is crucial to the success of this campaign. National parliaments are amongst the main stakeholders both when it comes to promoting international legal instruments and raising the awareness of the general public. The promotion of Council of Europe conventions by the Parliamentary Assembly has already proved useful in former campaigns, such as the Convention against the Trafficking in Human Beings where parliamentary action clearly contributed to further ratifications. As President of the Parliamentary Assembly, during my official visits as well as in my meetings with the Speakers of Parliament and Chairs of national delegations, I will invite national parliaments to participate fully in this new campaign.

I am pleased to announce that, by the time of this meeting, 28 contact parliamentarians have been appointed and form the parliamentary network of the Council of Europe campaign. I would like to thank all parliamentarians having reacted so quickly to my invitation, and invite all delegations who have not yet appointed their contacts to do so as soon as possible, so as to join this important movement against a human rights violation that asks for committed action.

Moreover, I am pleased to officially launch the Handbook for parliamentarians to which you have just been introduced by the Secretariat. This handbook is a tool which will allow us, as Parliamentarians, to better understand and promote the Lanzarote Convention, which is a complex instrument.

We need to unite in combating sexual violence against children. Let us mobilise the means at our disposal as parliamentarians and contribute to a society in which our children may grow up happily and safely in their "circles of trust" and have the chance to live fulfilled and happy adult lives.

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I wish the network of contact parliamentarians a dynamic campaign over the next four years! I am sure that together, we will make the best use possible of the tools that are provided to us today and those that will follow.

I'm sure that through this campaign and with strong commitment, dedication and hard work we will manage to make our children's world better!

Thank you for your attention.

List of presence/Liste de présence

The names of the members and alternates present at the meeting appear in bold Les noms des membres et de leurs suppléants présents à la réunion sont indiqués en gras

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