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To the members of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy

Synopsis

of the meeting held by videoconference on 1st February 2022

The **Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy**, meeting by videoconference on 1st February 2022, with first Ms María Valentina Martínez Ferro (Spain, EPP/CD), third Vice Chairperson, and then Mr George Katrougalos (Greece, UEL), Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on the Middle East and Arab World, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Supporting a European perspective for the Western Balkans** (*Rapporteur: Mr George Papandreou, Greece, SOC*): heard a statement by the Rapporteur and held an exchange of views on relevant Council of Europe co-operation activities with the participation of Mr Bjørn Berge, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe;
- **Fostering healthy democracies in Europe** (*Rapporteur: Ms Marie-Christine Dalloz, France, EPP/CD*): held an exchange of views on the basis of a revised preliminary draft report;
- **Ten years after the Lisbon Treaty: strengthening Council of Europe and European Union co-operation** (*Rapporteur: Mr Titus Corlăţean, Romania, SOC*): held an exchange of views on the basis of a revised preliminary draft report and agreed to a proposal by the Rapporteur to change the title of the report to *Beyond the Lisbon Treaty: strengthening the strategic partnership between the Council of Europe and the European Union*;
- **Relations with the OECD**: approved the composition of the ad hoc Sub-Committee to participate in the next meeting of the OECD Global Parliamentary Network, to be held in Paris on 17-18 March 2022, in person (see Appendix); it took note of the intention of the Group of the European People's Party to submit a candidature, preferably a woman;
- **Appointment of Rapporteurs**: appointed:
 - Ms Laima Liucija Andrikiienė (Lithuania, EPP/CD) on *Strengthening the role of the Council of Europe as a cornerstone of the European political architecture*, following a vote;
 - Sir Tony Lloyd (United Kingdom, SOC) on *The role of political parties in fostering diversity and inclusion: a new Charter for a non-racist society* (for opinion), by acclamation;
 - Mr Tural Ganjaliyev (Azerbaijan, EC/DA) on *The theme of migration and asylum in the election campaign and the consequences on the welcoming and rights of migrants* (for opinion), by acclamation;and heard from them a declaration of absence of conflict of interests;
- **Call for candidates**: called for candidates for a rapporteur on *The situation in Kosovo**;

* All reference to Kosovo, whether to the territory, institutions or population shall be understood in full compliance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 and without prejudice to the status of Kosovo.

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- **Authorisations:** authorised Mr George Papandreou (Greece, SOC), Rapporteur on *Supporting a European perspective for the Western Balkans*, to carry out a fact-finding visit to North Macedonia in the framework of the preparation of his report (subject to the availability of funds);
- **Václav Havel Human Rights Prize 2022:** took note of the procedure and the deadline of 30 April 2022 for the submission of nominations as well as the relevant information available on the Václav Havel Human Rights Prize website;
- **Other business:** took note of the proposal by Mr Piero Fassino (Italy, SOC) to invite the Sub-Committee on the Middle East and the Arab World to hold a meeting in Rome in 2022;
- **Next meetings:** agreed to hold its next meetings as follows:
 - 16 March 2022, Strasbourg, in a hybrid manner
 - During the April part-session (25-29 April 2022)
 - 19-20 May 2022, Chania, Crete (Greece)
 - During the June part-session (20-24 June 2022)
 - 13 September 2022, place and manner to be decided
 - During the October part-session (10-14 October 2022)
 - November 2022, date, place and manner to be decided (tbc)
 - 13 December 2022, place and manner to be decided

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Appendix

Ad hoc Sub-Committee to participate in the next meeting of the OECD Global Parliamentary Network, 17-18 March 2022, Paris

Members:

- Mr Titus Corlăţean, Romania, SOC
- Mr Rik Daems, Immediate past President of the Parliamentary Assembly, ALDE
- Ms Emine Nur Günay, Turkey, NR
- Mr George Katrougalos, Greece, UEL