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To the members of the Standing Committee

Synopsis of the meeting held by videoconference on 26 June 2020

The **Standing Committee**, meeting on 26 June 2020 by videoconference, with Mr Rik Daems, President of the Assembly, in the Chair:

- held an exchange of views with Mr Miltiadis Varvitsiotis, Alternate Minister of Foreign Affairs of Greece, Chairman of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe;
- ratified the credentials of new members of the Assembly submitted by the delegations of Estonia, Germany, Hungary, the Slovak Republic and the United Kingdom;
- approved changes in the composition of Assembly committees;
- approved the minutes of the Standing Committee meetings held on 30 April and 7 May 2020;
- ratified the references proposed by the Bureau which are contained in the appendix hereafter;
- took note of the report of the Ad hoc Committee of the Bureau on the observation of the early parliamentary elections in Azerbaijan (9 February 2020);
- held an exchange of views with Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General of the World Health Organization;
- within the framework of the debate on "Addressing sexual violence against children: stepping up action and co-operation in Europe", heard an intervention by Ms Najat Maalla M'jid, Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General on Violence against Children;
- adopted the following texts on behalf of the Assembly:

Recommendation 2174 (2020)	Lessons for the future from an effective and rights-based response to the COVID-19 pandemic
Resolution 2329 (2020)	Lessons for the future from an effective and rights-based response to the COVID-19 pandemic
Recommendation 2175 (2020)	Addressing sexual violence against children: stepping up action and co-operation in Europe
Resolution 2330 (2020)	Addressing sexual violence against children: stepping up action and co-operation in Europe
Resolution 2331 (2020)	Empowering women: promoting access to contraception in Europe

- decided to hold its next meeting in Chania (Crete, Greece) on 15 and 16 September 2020.

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- cc. Secretary General of the Assembly
Directors and all staff of the Secretariat of the Assembly
Secretaries of National Delegations and of Political Groups of the Assembly
Secretaries of observer and partner for democracy delegations
Secretary General of the Congress
Secretary to the Committee of Ministers
Directors General
Director of the Private Office of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe
Director of the Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights
Director of Communication
Permanent Representations to the Council of Europe

APPENDIX

DECISIONS ON DOCUMENTS TABLED FOR REFERENCES TO COMMITTEES AND MODIFICATION OF REFERENCE

A. REFERENCES TO COMMITTEES

1. **Artificial intelligence and climate change**
Motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Alvise Maniero and other members of the Assembly
[Doc. 15068](#)
2. **Anchoring the right to a healthy environment: need for enhanced action by the Council of Europe**
Motion for a resolution tabled by the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development
[Doc. 15108](#)

Reference of both motions to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for a single report*

3. **Deinstitutionalisation of persons with disabilities**
Motion for a resolution tabled by the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development
[Doc. 15106](#)

Reference to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for report* and to the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination *for opinion*

4. **Eradicating extreme child poverty in Europe: an international obligation and a moral duty**
Motion for a resolution tabled by the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development
[Doc. 15107](#)

Reference to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for report*

5. **Safe third countries for asylum seekers**
[Doc. 15111](#)
Motion for a resolution tabled by the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons

Reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons *for report*

6. **Alternative care for unaccompanied and separated migrant children**
[Doc. 15112](#)
Motion for a resolution tabled by the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons

Reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons *for report* and to the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development *for opinion*

7. **Climate and migration**
[Doc. 15113](#)
Motion for a resolution tabled by the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons

Reference to the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons *for report*

B. MODIFICATION OF REFERENCE

1. **Democracies facing the COVID-19 pandemic**
Bureau decision
Reference 4512 of 7 May 2020 – validity: 7 November 2022 (reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report*)

Reference to the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy *for report* and to the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee) *for opinion*