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:

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

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

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