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## Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination

### Mandate of the Sub-Committee on Gender Equality<sup>1</sup>

The sub-committee shall consider matters relating to discrimination on grounds of sex, gender, equality between women and men, women's rights and empowerment.

It shall also:

- promote synergies with other Assembly committees and structures with a view to promoting gender-mainstreaming in the work of the Assembly;
- hold regular discussions to take stock of developments and progress in the area of gender equality and gender mainstreaming in the work of the Assembly;
- reinforce co-operation with national parliamentary committees working on gender equality;
- follow the work of the Gender Equality Commission of the Council of Europe (GEC) and consider the appropriate follow-up at parliamentary level;
- reinforce co-operation with the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the United Nations, notably UN Women, and enhance its contribution to the work of the Commission on the Status of Women;
- follow the work of the FEMM Committee of the European Parliament.

### Mandate of the Sub-Committee on the Rights of Minorities<sup>2</sup>

The sub-committee shall deal with all matters relating to the rights of national minorities and other minorities.

The sub-committee shall consider matters concerning the Council of Europe's treaties and mechanisms relating to the rights of national minorities and other minorities – in particular the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities and the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages. It shall contribute to their promotion.

The sub-committee shall consider all proposals for improving the protection of the rights of minorities in Europe, promoting and enforcing them in the Council of Europe member states, and strengthening the Council of Europe's standard-setting instruments and their monitoring procedures. It shall submit its recommendations to the committee, where appropriate in the context of the preparation of a draft report.

The sub-committee shall follow the activities of the Council of Europe bodies specialising in minorities and their rights, in particular the Advisory Committee of the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities and the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI).

<sup>1</sup> Approved during the January 2019 Part-Session.

<sup>2</sup> Approved during the January 2012 Part-Session.

## **Mandate of the Sub-Committee on Disability and Multiple and Intersectional Discrimination<sup>3</sup>**

The sub-committee shall consider matters relating to discrimination on the ground of disability, equality and inclusion of persons with disabilities, violence against persons with disabilities as well as multiple and intersectional discrimination. It shall follow the activities of the Council of Europe in this field, in particular those of the Commissioner for Human Rights and the Ad Hoc Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CAHDPH).

The sub-committee shall consider all proposals for countering discrimination against persons with disabilities. It will pay particular attention to cases of multiple and intersectional discrimination with a view to identifying invisible forms of discrimination which are created by the interaction, in a specific context, of various grounds of discrimination. It shall submit its recommendations to the committee, where appropriate in the context of the preparation of a draft report.

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<sup>3</sup> Approved during the January 2014 Part-Session, revised during the January 2017 Part-Session.