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## To the members of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination

### Synopsis of the meeting held in Paris on 5 December 2013

**The Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination**, meeting in Paris on 5 December 2013, with Ms Tina Acketoft (Sweden, ALDE) in the Chair,

as regards:

- **Tackling racism in the police** (*Rapporteur: Mr David Davies, United Kingdom, EDG*): heard a statement by the Rapporteur on his fact-finding visit to Germany (28-29 October 2013); approved a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution;
- **A strategy to prevent racism and intolerance in Europe** (*Rapporteur: Mr Jonas Gunnarsson, Sweden, SOC*): approved a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation, as amended;
- **Activities of the Committee in 2013**: heard a statement by its Chair and held an exchange of views on future priorities;
- **Translation of the term “rapporteur” into French**: held an exchange of views on the basis of a letter by Ms Liliane Maury-Pasquier (Switzerland, SOC) and a memorandum transmitted by the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs;
- **Evaluation of the Partnership for Democracy status in respect of the Palestinian National Council** (*Rapporteur for opinion: Ms Gülsün Bilgehan, Turkey, SOC*): held a hearing on *The status and human rights of women in Palestine* with the participation of Ms Suheir Azzouni, Expert consultant;
- **The situation and rights of traditional national minorities in Europe** (*Rapporteur: Mr Ferenc Kalmár, Hungary, EPP/CD*): heard a statement by the Rapporteur on his fact-finding visit to Finland (5-7 November 2013) and held an exchange of views on the basis of a revised memorandum;
- **Prostitution and human trafficking in Europe** (*Rapporteur: Mr José Mendes Bota, Portugal, EPP/CD*): heard a statement by the Rapporteur on his fact-finding visits to Switzerland (25-26 September 2013) and the Netherlands (14-15 November 2013) and held an exchange of views on the basis of a memorandum;
- **The situation of women in emerging democracies following the Arab revolutions** (*Rapporteur: Ms Fatiha Saïdi, Belgium, SOC*): heard a statement by the Rapporteur, endorsed her request to conduct fact-finding visits to Egypt, Libya and Tunisia in the framework of the preparation of her report and decided to submit it to the Bureau of the Assembly for authorisation;

- **Request for partner for democracy status with the Parliamentary Assembly submitted by the Parliament of the Kyrgyz Republic** (*Rapporteur: Ms Bernadette Bourzai, France, SOC*): heard a statement by the Rapporteur based on a background paper and held an exchange of views;
- **Focusing on the perpetrators to prevent violence against women** (*Rapporteur: Ms Athina Kyriakidou, Cyprus, SOC*): considered an outline for a report;
- **Equality and the crisis** (*Rapporteur: Mr Nikolaj Villumsen, Denmark, UEL*): considered an outline for a report;
- **Improving co-operation between National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) and Parliaments in addressing Equality and Non-Discrimination Issues** (*Rapporteur: Ms Katherine Zappone, Ireland, NR*): considered an outline for a report;
- **Violence against Women – International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women**: heard a review of activities carried out by its members;
- **Dates and places of its next meetings**: agreed to hold its next meetings as follows:
  - Strasbourg, during the 1st Part-Session 2014 of the Assembly (27-31 January);
  - Vienna, 4-5 March 2014 (*subject to the Bureau's authorisation*);
  - Strasbourg, during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Part-Session 2014 of the Assembly (7-11 April);
  - Strasbourg, during the 3<sup>rd</sup> Part-Session 2014 of the Assembly (23-27 June);
  - Strasbourg, during the 4<sup>th</sup> Part-Session 2014 of the Assembly (29 September-3 October).

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