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

### Synopsis of the meeting held in Vienna on 4 and 5 March 2014

The Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, meeting in Vienna on 4 and 5 March 2014, with first Ms Ismeta Dervoz (Bosnia and Herzegovina, EPP/CD) and then Ms Gisela Wurm (Austria, SOC) in the Chair, as regards:

- on Tuesday 4 March 2014, from 9.30 am to 12 pm:
  - **Cooperation with the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA):** conducted a study visit to the FRA and held an exchange of views with Mr Morten Kjaerum, Director, Mr Ioannis Dimitrakopoulos, Head of Department Equality and Citizens' Rights, and Mr Mario Oetheimer, Freedoms and Justice Department.
- on Tuesday 4 March 2014, from 2.00 to 6.00 pm:
  - **Bureau of the Committee:** elected by acclamation Mr Jonas Gunnarsson (Sweden, SOC) as Second Vice-Chairperson;
  - **Prostitution, trafficking and modern slavery in Europe (Rapporteur: Mr José Mendes Bota, Portugal, EPP/CD):** approved a draft report and adopted a draft resolution, as amended;
  - **Discrimination against transgender people in Europe (Rapporteur: Ms Deborah Schembri, Malta, SOC):** held an exchange of views on the basis of an outline for a report;
  - **Joint meeting with the Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence:** held an exchange of views with Ms Gabriele Heinisch-Hosek, Federal Minister for Education and Women, Austria; held a hearing on *Focusing the victims' needs*, with the participation of Ms Luisella Pavan-Woolfe, Ambassador, Head of the Delegation of the European Union to the Council of Europe and Ms Ursula Till-Tentschert, Programme Manager at the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA);
- on Wednesday 5 March 2014, from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm and from 2.30 to 5.00 pm:
  - **Equality and non-discrimination: focus on Austria:** held an exchange of views with Ms Ingrid Nikolay-Leitner, Ombudsperson for Equal Treatment;
  - **The situation and rights of traditional national minorities in Europe (Rapporteur: Mr Ferenc Kalmár, Hungary, EPP/CD):** heard a dissenting opinion by Ms Tülin Erkal Kara (Turkey, EDG) and decided to include it as an appendix to the explanatory memorandum according to Rule 49.4; approved a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation, as amended;

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- **Improving co-operation between National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) and Parliaments in addressing Equality and Non-Discrimination Issues** (Rapporteur: Ms Katherine Zappone, Ireland, UEL): approved a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution;
- **Equality and inclusion for people with disabilities** (Rapporteur: Ms Carmen Quintanilla Barba, Spain, EPP/CD): held an exchange of views with Ms Helene Jarmer, member of the Austrian National Council, and considered an outline for a report;
- **The rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people (LGBTs)** (General rapporteur: Mr Robert Biedroń, Poland, SOC): heard a statement by the General rapporteur following his visit to Lithuania (27-28 February 2014);
- **Tackling intolerance and discrimination in Europe with a special focus on Christianity** (Rapporteur: Mr Valeriu Ghiletschi, Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD): held a hearing with the participation of Ms Gudrun Kugler, Observatory on Intolerance and Discrimination against Christians and Professor Stefan Hammer, Department of Legal Philosophy, Law of Religion and Culture, Law Faculty, University of Vienna, and held an exchange of views on the basis of an introductory memorandum;
- **Composition of Sub-committees**: approved the composition of the sub-committee on disability and inclusion, as well as the changes in the composition of the sub-committees on gender equality and the rights of minorities, as in the Appendix;
- **Meeting of the Sub-committee on the rights of minorities**: decided to postpone the meeting to the April part-session 2014;
- **Date and place of the next meetings of the Committee**: decided to hold its next meetings as follows:
  - Strasbourg, during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Part-Session 2014 of the Assembly (7-11 April);
  - Paris, 2 June 2014;
  - Strasbourg, during the 3<sup>rd</sup> Part-Session 2014 of the Assembly (23-27 June);
  - Paris, 8 September 2014
  - Strasbourg, during the 4<sup>th</sup> Part-Session 2014 of the Assembly (29 September-3 October);
  - Paris, 2 and 3 December 2014 (on 2 December 2014, joint meeting with the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development).

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**The Sub-committee on gender equality**, meeting in Vienna on 5 March 2014 from 5.00 to 5.15 pm, with Ms Guguli Magradze (Georgia, SOC), oldest member present, and then Ms Sahiba Gafarova (Azerbaijan, EDG) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Election of the Bureau of the Sub-committee:** elected Ms Sahiba Gafarova (Azerbaijan, EDG) Chairperson by acclamation and decided to postpone the election of the Vice-Chairperson to its next meeting;
- **Exchange of views on future activities:** took note of an invitation from the parliamentary delegation of Azerbaijan to hold a meeting in Baku in 2014 and accepted it subject to confirmation by the Committee and authorisation by the Bureau;
- **Date and place of the next meeting:** decided to hold its next meeting during the April-part session 2014.

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Cc.: Secretary General of the Assembly  
Director General, 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

### Sub-committee on disability and inclusion *Sous-commission sur le handicap et l'inclusion*

#### List of members/ *liste des membres* (28 seats / 28 sièges)

Chairperson / Président(e):

Vice Chairperson / Vice-Président(e) :

	<b>Country / pays</b>	<b>Member / titulaire</b>	<b>Alternate / suppléant (e)</b>
1.	Azerbaijan / <i>Azerbaïdjan</i>	Ms Sahiba GAFAROVA	
2.	Belgium / <i>Belgique</i>	Mme Fatiha SAÏDI	
3.	Monaco	Mme Béatrice FRESKO-ROLFO	M. Christian BARILARO
4.	Montenegro / <i>Monténégro</i>	Ms Snezana JONICA	
5.	Netherlands/ <i>Pays Bas</i>	Ms Marit MAIJ	
6.	Spain / <i>Espagne</i>	Ms Carmen QUINTANILLA BARBA	
7.	Switzerland / <i>Suisse</i>	Mr Alfred HEER	Mr Gerhard PFISTER

*Ex officio*: Ms Gisela WURM (Chairperson of the Committee, Austria / Présidente de la Commission, Autriche)

**Sub-committee on gender equality**  
**Sous-commission sur l'égalité de genre**

**List of members/ liste des membres (28 seats / 28 sièges)**

**Chairperson / Présidente:**

Ms Sahiba GAFAROVA (Azerbaijan, EDG)

**Vice Chairperson / Vice-Président(e) :**

	<b>Country / pays</b>	<b>Member / titulaire</b>	<b>Alternate / suppléant (e)</b>
1.	Austria / Autriche	Ms Gisela WURM	
2.	Belgium / Belgique	Ms Fatiha SAÏDI	Ms Cindy FRANSSEN
3.	Croatia / Croatie	Ms Ingrid MARINOVIĆ	
4.	Cyprus / Chypre	Ms Athina KYRIAKIDOU	Mr Nicos NICOLAIDES
5.	Finland / Finlande	Ms Riitta MYLLER	
6.	France	Mme Marie-Jo ZIMMERMANN	Mme Bernadette BOURZAI
7.	Georgia / Géorgie	Ms Guguli MAGRADZE	
8.	Greece / Grèce	Ms Angeliki GKEREKOU	Ms Eleni RAPTI
9.	Ireland / Irlande	Mr Michael McNAMARA	
10.	Italy / Italie	Ms Maria Edera SPADONI	
11.	Luxembourg	Mme Françoise HETTO-GAASCH	M. Yves CRUCHTEN
12.	Monaco	Mme Béatrice FRESKO-ROLFO	
13.	Montenegro / Monténégro	Ms Snezana JONICA	
14.	Poland / Pologne	Mme Elzbieta RADZISZEWSKA	
15.	Portugal	Mr José MENDES BOTA	
16.	Romania / Roumanie	Ms Ana BIRCHALL	Mr Corneliu-Mugurel COZMANCIUC
17.	Serbia / Serbie	Ms Aleksandra DJUROVIĆ	
18.	Slovenia / Slovénie	Ms Andreja ČRNAK MEGLIČ	
19.	Sweden / Suède	Ms Carina HÄGG	Mr Jonas GUNNARSSON
20.	Switzerland / Suisse	Mr Gerhard PFISTER	
21.	Turkey / Turquie	Ms G. BİLGEHAN	Ms Tülin ERKAL KARA

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**Sub-committee on the rights of minorities**  
**Sous-commission sur les droits des minorités**

**List of members/ liste des membres (28 seats / 28 sièges)**

**Chairperson / Président(e):**

**Vice-Chairperson / Vice-Président(e):**

	<b>Country/pays</b>	<b>Member/titulaire</b>	<b>Alternate/suppléant (e)</b>
1.	Belgium / <i>Belgique</i>	M. Patrick DE GROOTE	M. Armand de DECKER
2.	Bosnia and Herzegovina / <i>Bosnie-Herzégovine</i>	Mr Senad SEPIC	
3.	Finland / <i>Finlande</i>	Ms Pirkko MATTILA	
4.	Croatia / <i>Croatie</i>	Ms Melita MULIC	
5.	Cyprus / <i>Chypre</i>	Ms Athina KYRIAKIDOU	Mr Nicos NICOLAIDES
6.	France	Mme Josette DURRIEU	Mme Pascale CROZON
7.	Greece / <i>Grèce</i>	Ms Maria GIANNAKAKI	Mr Epameinondas MARIAS
8.	Ireland / <i>Irlande</i>	Ms Katherine ZAPPONE	
9.	Italy / <i>Italie</i>	Mr Ferdinando AIELLO	Ms Milena SANTERINI
10.	Latvia / <i>Lettonie</i>	Mr Boris CILEVIČS	
11.	Monaco	M. Christian BARILARO	
11.	Republic of Moldova / <i>République de Moldova</i>	Mr Valeriu GHILETCHI	
12.	Poland / <i>Pologne</i>	Mr Robert BIEDRÓN	
13.	Romania / <i>Roumanie</i>	Mr Viorel-Riceard BADEA	Mr Damian DRAGHICI
14.	Slovakia / <i>Slovaquie</i>	Mr Jozsef NAGY	
15.	Sweden / <i>Suède</i>	Ms Marietta de POURBAIX-LUNDIN	
16.	Switzerland / <i>Suisse</i>	M. Gerhard PFISTER	M. Eric VORUZ
17.	Ukraine	Mr Oleksandr FELDMAN	

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