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

Synopsis of the meeting held in Strasbourg from 7 to 10 April 2014

The Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, meeting in Strasbourg from 7 to 10 April 2014 with Ms Gisela Wurm (Austria, SOC) in the Chair, as regards:

- **on Monday 7 April 2014, from 2 to 3 pm:**
 - ***Request for partner for democracy status with the Parliamentary Assembly submitted by the Parliament of the Kyrgyz Republic*** (*Rapporteur for opinion: Ms Bernadette Bourzai, France, SOC*): held an exchange of views and approved a draft opinion including 7 amendments;
 - ***Assembly's institutional representation to the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI)***: appointed Mr Snorre Serigstad Valen (Norway, UEL) as representative for 2014;
 - ***Racism and intolerance***: appointed Ms Maria Giannakaki (Greece, SOC) as General Rapporteur on combating racism and intolerance and, following an exchange of views on the basis of a memorandum prepared by its Chairperson, decided to propose setting up a No Hate Parliamentary Alliance as a follow-up to Assembly Resolution 1967 (2014) on *A strategy to prevent racism and intolerance in Europe*, and to submit the proposal to the Bureau;
- **on Tuesday 8 April 2014, from 8.30 to 10 am:**
 - ***Prostitution, trafficking and modern slavery in Europe*** (*Rapporteur: Mr José Mendes Bota, Portugal, EPP/CD*): took position on the amendments which had been tabled to the draft resolution;
 - ***The situation and rights of traditional national minorities in Europe*** (*Rapporteur: Mr Ferenc Kalmár, Hungary, EPP/CD*): took position on 25 out of the 35 amendments which had been tabled to the draft resolution and draft recommendation;
 - ***Sub-committees***: approved changes to the composition of its sub-committees, as in the Appendix;
- **on Wednesday 9 April 2014, from 2 to 3.30 pm**, holding a meeting of the Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence, held a representation of the ***theatre show 'Wounded to death'***, with the participation of: Anne Brasseur, Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni, Serena Dandini, Maura Misiti, Carole Mathieu Castelli, Najat Al-Astal, Gülsün Bilgehan, Ismeta Dervoz, Tatiana Pârvu, Carmen Quintanilla Barba, Fatiha Saïdi, Maria Edera Spadoni;

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- **on Thursday 10 April 2014, from 8.30 to 10 am:**
- **Abortion legislation: developments in Spain and the rest of Europe:** held a hearing with the participation of Ms Vicky Claeys, Regional Director of the International Planned Parenthood Federation European Network (IPPF EN), and Mr Régis Brillat, Head of the Department of the European Social Charter, Executive Secretary of the European Committee of Social Rights;
- **on Thursday 10 April 2014, from 2 to 3.30 pm:**
- **Equality and the crisis** (*Rapporteur: Mr Nikolaj Villumsen, Denmark, UEL*): heard a statement by the rapporteur on his fact-finding visit to Portugal (17-18 March 2014) and held an exchange of views on the basis of a revised memorandum;
- **Meetings of the Sub-committee on gender equality:** endorsed the decision of its Sub-committee on gender equality to hold a meeting in Baku on 22 September 2014, subject to the Bureau's authorisation;
- **The rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people (LGBTs)** (*General rapporteur: Mr Robert Biedroń, Poland, SOC*): held an exchange of views on the right to family life and non-discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity on the basis of an information document prepared by the General rapporteur;
- **Discrimination against transgender people in Europe** (*Rapporteur: Ms Deborah Schembri, Malta, SOC*): in the absence of the rapporteur, took note of a memorandum and heard a statement by Mr Robert Biedroń (Poland, SOC), General rapporteur on the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people (LGBTs);
- **Appointment of representatives:** appointed:
 - Ms Maria Giannakaki (Greece, SOC) to participate in the Seminar organised by The Hellenic Presidency of the EU and the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) in cooperation with the Centre of International and European Economic Law (CIEEL) on "*How can EU Member States combat hate crime effectively?*", in Thessaloniki, Greece, on 28-29 April 2014;
 - Mr Robert Biedroń (Poland, SOC) to participate in:
 - the 2nd European IDAHO (International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia) Forum, in Valletta, Malta, on 13-14 May 2014 (*at the organisers' cost*);
 - the conference "*Is Moldova the Region's Champion State in Ensuring LGBT Rights?*", organised by Genderdoc-M, in Chisinau, Moldova, on 16 May 2014 (*subject to availability of funds*);
 - the round table "*Equality for all*", organised by the European Committee for Social Cohesion, Human Dignity and Equality (CDDECS) in Strasbourg, on 3 and 4 June 2014 (*subject to availability of funds*);
- **Next meetings:** decided to hold its next meetings as follows:
 - Paris, 2 June 2014;
 - Strasbourg, during the 3rd Part-Session 2014 of the Assembly (23-27 June);
 - Paris, 8 September 2014;
 - Strasbourg, during the 4th 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).

The Sub-committee on the rights of minorities, meeting in Strasbourg on 8 April 2013 from 2 to 2.15 pm, with Ms Athina Kyriakidou (Cyprus, SOC) oldest member present in the Chair, as regards:

- **Election of the Bureau of the Sub-Committee:** elected Ms Athina Kyriakidou (Cyprus, SOC) as Chairperson, by acclamation, and postponed the election of the Vice-Chairperson to its next meeting;

- **Exchange of views on future activities:** heard a statement by Ms Nunzia Catalfo (Italy, NR) following her visit to a Roma camp in Naples and discussed a possible follow-up;
- **Next meeting:** left it to its Chairperson to decide the date and place of the next meeting.

The Sub-committee on disability and inclusion, meeting in Strasbourg on 8 April 2014 from 2.15 to 3 pm, with Ms Sahiba Gafarova (Azerbaijan, EDG), oldest member present, and then Ms Mechthild Rawert (Germany, SOC) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Election of the Bureau of the Sub-committee:** elected by acclamation Ms Mechthild Rawert (Germany, SOC) Chairperson and Ms Béatrice Fresko-Rolfo (Monaco, EPP/CD) Vice-Chairperson;
- **Exchange of views on future activities:** decided to hold a regular exchange of views on the state of ratification and implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and to organise a hearing with the participation of members of the Council of Europe committee of experts on the rights of people with disabilities during the October-part session 2014;
- **Date and place of the next meeting:** left it to its Chairperson to decide the date and place of the next meeting.

The Sub-committee on gender equality, meeting in Strasbourg on 8 April 2014 from 3 to 3.30 pm, with Ms Sahiba Gafarova (Azerbaijan, EDG) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Election of the Bureau of the Sub-committee:** elected by acclamation Ms Guguli Magradze (Georgia, SOC) Vice-Chairperson;
- **Exchange of views on future activities:** held an exchange of views on a preliminary draft agenda of the meeting to be held in Baku, Azerbaijan, subject to authorisation of the Bureau;
- **Date and place of the next meeting:** left it to its Chairperson to decide the date and place of the next meeting.

Sonia Sirtori, Giorgio Loddo, Elise Cornu and Elodie Fischer

Cc.: Secretary General of the Assembly
Director General, Directors and all staff of the Secretariat of the Assembly
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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 / Présidente

Ms Mechthild RAWERT

Germany/ Allemagne

Ms Katrin WERNER

Vice-Chairperson / Vice-présidente

Mme Béatrice FRESKO-ROLFO

Monaco

M. Christian BARILARO

Members / Membres

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| 1. | Ms Sahiba GAFAROVA | Azerbaijan / Azerbaïdjan |
| 2. | Mme Fatiha SAÏDI | Belgium / Belgique |
| 3. | Mr Nikolaj VILLUMSEN | Denmark / Danemark |
| 4. | Ms Pirkko MATTILA | Finland / Finlande |
| 5. | Ms Elena CENTEMERO | Italy / Italie |
| 6. | Ms Snezana JONICA | Montenegro |
| 7. | Ms Marit MAIJ | Netherlands / Pays-Bas |
| 8. | Ms Carmen QUINTANILLA BARBA | Spain / Espagne |
| 9. | Mr Alfred HEER | Switzerland/ Suisse |

Alternates / Remplaçants

Mr Gerhard PFISTER

Ex officio:

Ms Gisela WURM

Chairperson of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination/
Présidente de la Commission sur l'égalité et la non-discrimination

**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 / Présidente

Ms Athina KYRIAKIDOU

Cyprus / Chypre

Mr Nicos NICOLAIDES

Vice-Chairperson / Vice-présidente

Members / Membres

1. Mr Patrick DE GROOTE
2. Mr Senad SEPIČ
3. Ms Pirkko MATTILA
4. Ms Melita MULIĆ
5. Mme Josette DURRIEU
6. Mr Tobias ZECH
7. Ms Maria GIANNAKAKI
8. Mr Ferdinando AIELLO
9. Mr Boris CILEVIČS
10. M. Christian BARILARO
11. Mr Valeriu GHILETCHI
12. Mr Robert BIEDROŃ
13. Mr Viorel-Riceard BADEA
14. Mr Jozsef NAGY
15. Ms Marietta de POURBAIX-LUNDIN
16. Mr Gerhard PFISTER
17. Ms Tülun ERKAL KARA
18. Mr Oleksandr FELDMAN

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Croatia / Croatie
France
Germany / Allemagne
Greece / Grèce
Italy / Italie
Latvia/ Lettonie
Monaco
Republic of Moldova/ République de Moldova
Poland/ Pologne
Romania/ Roumanie
Slovak Republic / République slovaque
Sweden / Suède
Switzerland / Suisse
Turkey/ Turquie
Ukraine

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