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

Revised synopsis of the meeting held in Paris on Thursday 10 September 2015

The Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, meeting in Paris on 10 September 2015, with Ms Gülsün Bilgehan (Turkey, SOC) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Equality and shared parental responsibility: the role of fathers** (*Rapporteur: Ms Françoise Hetto-Gaasch, Luxembourg, EPP/CD*): approved a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution as amended;
- **The protection of the rights of parents and children belonging to religious minorities** (*Rapporteur: Mr Valeriu Ghiletschi, Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD*): considered an introductory memorandum;
- **Assessing the impact of measures to improve women's political representation** (*Rapporteur: Ms Elena Centemero, Italy, EPP/CD*): authorised the rapporteur to conduct fact-finding visits to Denmark and Sweden and held a hearing with the participation of:
 - Ms Maria del Carmen Alanis Figueroa, member of the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission), Judge of the Supreme Electoral Tribunal, Mexico, and
 - Ms Zeina Hilal, Programme Officer, Gender Partnership Programme, Interparliamentary Union;
- **Sociological aspects and realities of gender** : held an interactive discussion led by:
 - Ms Céline Petrovic, Doctor of Sciences in Education, lecturer on "Gender and Education", University of Strasbourg, and
 - Mr Stéphane Galas, specialised instructor on gender issues;
- **Appointment of rapporteurs**: appointed Mr Pavlo Unguryan (Ukraine, EPP/CD) rapporteur for opinion on "Human Rights and ethical issues related to surrogacy" and heard from him a declaration on the absence of conflicts of interest;
- **Conference on "Monitoring the implementation of the Istanbul Convention: New Synergies", Sarajevo, 20 October 2015** :
 - considered a draft programme for the Conference,
 - decided to set up an ad hoc sub-committee to take part in the Conference and appointed as its members: Ms Sahiba Gafarova (Azerbaijan, EC), Ms Gülsün Bilgehan (Turkey, SOC), Ms Elena Centemero (Italy, EPP/CD), Mr Saša Magazinović (Bosnia and Herzegovina, SOC), Ms Maria Edera Spadoni (Italy, NR), Ms Marit Maij (the Netherlands, SOC), Ms Athina Kyriakidou (Cyprus, SOC) and Ms Béatrice Fresko-Rolfo (Monaco, EPP/CD);

- **Composition of the Sub-Committees:** approved the following changes:
 - Sub-Committee on Gender Equality: Ms Jaana Pelkonen (Finland, EPP/CD) replaced Ms Riitta Myller (Finland, SOC) as full member,
 - Sub-Committee on Disability and Inclusion: Mr Olli-Poika Parviainen (Finland, SOC) replaced Ms Pirkko Mattila (Finland, NR) as full member,
 - Sub-Committee on the Rights of Minorities: Mr Olli-Poika Parviainen (Finland, SOC) replaced Ms Pirkko Mattila (Finland, NR) as full member;

- **Appointment of representatives:** appointed at no cost to the Assembly:
 - Ms Béatrice Fresko-Rolfo (Monaco, EPP/CD) to participate in a Conference organised by INTACT and GAMS Belgium on "The Istanbul Convention; a New Tool to Combat Female Genital Mutilation", on 23 October 2015 in Brussels (Belgium),
 - Mr Viorel Riceard Badea (Romania, EPP/CD) to participate in the "Forgotten Voices Conference", organised by the European Roma and Travellers Forum, on 26 November 2015 in Bucharest (Romania);

- **Date and place of the next meetings:** confirmed its next meetings as follows:

Plenary meetings

- Strasbourg, during the 4th part-session 2015 of the Assembly (28 September - 2 October);
- Paris, 1 December 2015.

No Hate Parliamentary Alliance

- Strasbourg, during the 4th part-session 2015 of the Assembly (28 September - 2 October);

Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence

- Strasbourg, during the 4th part-session 2015 of the Assembly (28 September - 2 October).

Elise Cornu, Sarah Burton and Giorgio Loddo

cc.: Secretary General of the Assembly
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Secretary General of the Congress
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