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

Synopsis of the meeting held in Strasbourg from 25 to 28 January 2016

The Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, meeting in Strasbourg from 25 to 28 January 2016:

- **Monday 25 January 2016, from 2 to 3 pm:** with Ms Pascale Crozon (France, SOC), oldest member present, and then with Ms Elena Centemero (Italy, EPP/CD) in the Chair, as regards:
 - **Election of the Bureau of the Committee:** elected by acclamation:
 - Ms Elena Centemero (Italy, EPP/CD) as Chairperson,
 - Ms Marit Majj (Netherlands, SOC) as First Vice-Chairperson,
 - Ms Rózsa Hoffmann (Hungary, EPP/CD) as Second Vice-Chairperson,
 - Ms Maryvonne Blondin (France, SOC) as Third Vice-Chairperson;
 - **Work programme of the Committee:**
 - heard a statement by Ms Gülsün Bilgehan (Turkey, SOC), outgoing Chair, on the activities of the Committee in 2014-2015;
 - held an exchange of views on the priorities and work programme for 2016;
 - accepted the invitation from the German delegation to hold a joint meeting of the Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence together with the Sub-Committee on Gender Equality in Berlin, Germany, on 12 May 2016, which has been accepted by the Bureau of the Assembly;
 - accepted the invitation from the Swedish delegation to hold a meeting of the plenary committee and of the No Hate Parliamentary Assembly in Stockholm, Sweden, on 17-18 May 2016, which has been accepted by the Bureau of the Assembly;
 - **Debate under urgent procedure: Combating international terrorism while protecting Council of Europe standards and values:** appointed Ms Gülsün Bilgehan (Turkey, SOC) as rapporteur for opinion on the report of the Committee of Political Affairs and Democracy and heard a declaration of absence of conflict of interest from her;
 - **Debate under urgent procedure: The protection of women and the honest reporting of unpalatable truths:** appointed Mr Jonas Gunnarsson (Sweden, SOC) as rapporteur and heard a declaration of absence of conflict of interest from him;
 - **Request for partner for democracy status with the Parliamentary Assembly submitted by the Parliament of Jordan:** (*Rapporteur: Mr Valeriu Ghiletschi, Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD*): considered and unanimously approved a draft opinion, with two amendments, on the report of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy;

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- **Reconstitution of Sub-Committees:** reconstituted the Sub-Committees on Gender Equality, on the Rights of Minorities and on Disability and Inclusion;
- **Tuesday 26 January 2016, from 8.30 to 10am:**
 - ***Debate under urgent procedure: The protection of women and the honest reporting of unpalatable truths*** (*Rapporteur: Mr Jonas Gunnarsson, Sweden, SOC*): considered and approved a draft report, decided to change the title of the report to: “Recent attacks against women in European cities: the need for a comprehensive response”, and unanimously adopted a draft resolution;
 - ***Presentation of ECRI’s work on combating hate speech:*** held an exchange of views with the participation of Mr Mirosław Wyrzykowski, member of ECRI in respect of Poland, and Mr Michael Whine, member of ECRI in respect of the United Kingdom;
- **Tuesday 26 January 2016, from 2 to 2.30pm:**
 - ***Debate under urgent procedure: Combating international terrorism while protecting Council of Europe standards and values:*** (*Rapporteur: Ms Gülsün Bilgehan, Turkey, SOC*): considered and unanimously approved the opinion of the Committee, with one amendment, on the report of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy.
- **Wednesday 27 January 2016, from 2 to 3.30pm,** with Ms Marit Maij (Netherlands, SOC), in the Chair:
 - ***Systematic collection of data on violence against women*** (*Rapporteur: Ms Maria Edera Spadoni, Italy, NR*): considered and approved a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution;
 - ***Assessing the impact of measures to improve women’s political representation*** (*Rapporteur: Ms Elena Centemero, Italy, EPP/CD*): considered a preliminary draft report;
 - ***Assembly’s institutional representation:*** appointed Mr Boriss Cilevičs (Latvia, SOC) as representative of the committee to the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI) for 2016 and, in the absence of candidates, postponed the appointment of a substitute to a future meeting;
 - ***Appointment of rapporteurs:*** appointed:
 - Ms Gisela Wurm (Austria, SOC) as rapporteur for report on “Protecting refugee women from gender-based violence”, motion for a resolution tabled by herself and other members of the Assembly, subject to hear a declaration of absence of conflict of interest from her;
 - Ms Mechthild Rawert (Germany, SOC) as rapporteur for report on “The political rights of persons with disabilities”: a democratic issue”, motion for a resolution tabled by herself and other members of the Assembly, and heard a declaration of absence of conflict of interest from her;
 - Ms Gabriela Heinrich (Germany, SOC) as rapporteur for opinion on “Preventing the radicalisation of children by fighting the root causes”, motion for a resolution tabled by the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, and heard a declaration of absence of conflict of interest from her;
 - ***Appointment of representatives:*** appointed:
 - Ms Elena Centemero (Italy, EPP/CD) to participate in the Workshop on “Electoral system design and increased women participation in politics”, organised by the Council of Europe on 3 February 2016 in Kyiv (Ukraine) (*at no cost to the Assembly*);
 - Ms Marit Maij (Netherlands, SOC) to participate in the seminar on “Combating Sexist Hate Speech”, organised by the Youth Department and the Gender Equality Unit of the Council of Europe on 11 February 2016 in Strasbourg (France) (*subject to availability of funds*);

- Ms Milena Santerini (Italy, SOC) to participate in the Round Table on “Combating Antisemitism and Islamophobia in Europe” organised by the European Parliament Intergroup on Anti-Racism and Diversity (ARDI) on 16 February 2016 in Brussels (Belgium) (*subject to availability of funds*);
- Ms Gisela Wurm (Austria, SOC) to participate in the Interparliamentary Committee Meeting (ICM) on “Women Refugees and Asylum Seekers in the EU”, organised by the European Parliament’s Committee on Women’s Rights and Gender Equality (FEMM) on 3 March 2016 in Brussels (Belgium) (*subject to availability of funds*);
- Ms Elena Centemero (Italy, EPP/CD) to participate in the workshop on “Gender studies” organised by the University Niccolò Cusano on 8 March 2016 in Rome (Italy) (*at no cost to the Assembly*);
- Ms Sahiba Gafarova (Azerbaijan, EC) to participate, subject to availability of funds, in the 60th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women on 15 and 16 March 2016 in New York, which was authorised by the Bureau of the Assembly, and took note that Ms Athina Kyriakidou (Cyprus, SOC) will also participate (*at no cost to the Assembly*);
- Mr Jonas Gunnarsson (Sweden, SOC), to participate in a Conference organised by Nash Mir Centre on "LGBT issues and the European Integration of Ukraine" on 15-16 March 2016 in Kyiv (Ukraine) (*subject to availability of funds*);
- **Reporting back:** heard a statement by:
 - Mr Damien Thiéry (Belgium, ALDE) on his participation in the thematic debate on “Regional and minority languages in Europe: recent developments, challenges and good practices”, organised by the Chamber of Regions of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe, held on 21 October 2015, in Strasbourg (France);
 - Mr Jonas Gunnarsson (Sweden, SOC) on his participation in the Conference “Council of Europe, National Human Rights Institutions, Equality Bodies and Ombudsman Offices Promoting Equality and Social Inclusion”, organised by the Finnish Parliamentary Ombudsman, the Finnish Human Rights Centre and the Council of Europe, held in Helsinki (Finland), on 10 and 11 December 2015;
- **Thursday 28 January 2016, from 8.30 to 10am:**
 - **Promoting Roma inclusion** (*Rapporteur: Mr Tobias Zech, Germany, EPP/CD*): considered an introductory memorandum; decided to change the title of the report to “Promoting the inclusion of Roma and Travellers” and authorised the rapporteur to conduct fact-finding visits to Hungary and Bulgaria;
 - **Debate under urgent procedure: Recent attacks against women in European cities: the need for a comprehensive response** (*Rapporteur: Mr Jonas Gunnarsson, Sweden, SOC*): took a position on the seven amendments tabled and asked the Chair to propose that the six amendments which were unanimously approved be declared as adopted by the Assembly, in conformity with Article 34.11 of the Rules of the Assembly;
 - **Human rights and intersex persons:** held a hearing with Mr Nils Muižnieks, Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe;
 - **Renewed commitment in the fight against anti-Semitism in Europe** (*Rapporteur: Mr Boriss Cilevičs, Latvia, SOC*): considered a preliminary draft report and decided to change the title of the report in its English version as follows: "Renewed commitment in the fight against antisemitism in Europe";
 - **The protection of the rights of parents and children belonging to religious minorities** (*Rapporteur: Mr Valeriu Ghilețchi, Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD*): in the absence of the rapporteur, decided to postpone this item to a next meeting;

- **Composition of the Sub-Committees:** approved the composition of the three Sub-Committees of the Committee as indicated in the Appendix;
- **Dates and places of its next meetings:** decided to hold its next meetings as follows:
 - Paris, 11 March 2016 ;
 - Strasbourg, during the 2nd Part-Session 2016 of the Assembly (18-22 April 2016);
 - Berlin (Germany), 12 May 2016: Joint meeting of the Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence together with the Sub-Committee on Gender Equality;
 - Stockholm (Sweden), 17-18 May 2016: Plenary meeting and No Hate Parliamentary Alliance;
 - Strasbourg, during the 3rd Part-Session 2016 of the Assembly (20-24 June 2016) ;
 - Paris, 9 September 2016 ;
 - Strasbourg, during the 4th Part-Session 2016 of the Assembly (10-14 October 2016) ;
 - Paris, 5 December 2016.

The Sub-Committee on Gender Equality, meeting in Strasbourg on Thursday 28 January 2016, from 2 to 2.30pm, as regards:

- **Election of the Bureau of the Sub-Committee:** re-elected by acclamation Ms Maria Edera Spadoni (Italy, NR), as Chairperson and elected Mr Jonas Gunnarsson (Sweden, SOC) as Vice-Chairperson;
- **Exchange of views on activities in 2014-2015 and future work:** heard a statement by the Chairperson;
- **Date and place of the next meeting:** took note of the invitation to hold a joint meeting with the Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence, in Berlin, Germany, on 12 May 2016.

The Sub-Committee on the Rights of Minorities, meeting in Strasbourg on Thursday 28 January 2016, from 2.30 to 3pm, as regards:

- **Election of the Bureau of the Sub-Committee:** re-elected by acclamation Mr Viorel Riceard Badea (Romania, EPP/CD), as Chairperson and elected Mr Damien Thiéry (Belgium, ALDE) as Vice-Chairperson;
- **Exchange of views on activities in 2014-2015 and future work:** heard a statement by the Chairperson;
- **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 Disability and Inclusion, meeting in Strasbourg on Thursday 28 January 2016, from 3 to 3.30 pm, as regards:

- **Election of the Bureau of the Sub-Committee:** elected by acclamation Ms Snežana Jonica (Montenegro, SOC), as Chairperson and Ms Carmen Quintanilla (Spain, EPP/CD) as Vice-Chairperson;
- **Exchange of views on activities in 2014-2015 and future work:** heard a statement by Ms Mechthild Rawert (Germany, SOC), outgoing Chairperson;

- **Date and place of the next meeting:** left it to its Chairperson to decide the date and place of the next meeting.

Elise Cornu, Sarah Burton, Giorgio Loddo, Elodie Fischer

cc. : Secretary General of the Assembly
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Secretaries of observer and partner for democracy delegations
Secretary General of the Congress
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Director of the Private Office of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe
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APPENDIX

**Sub-Committee on Disability and Inclusion
Sous-commission sur le handicap et l'inclusion**

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6.	RAWERT, Mechthild [Ms]	Germany / <i>Allemagne</i>
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14.	NEACȘU, Marian [Mr]	Romania / <i>Roumanie</i>
15.	HANŽEK, Matjaž [Mr]	Slovenia / <i>Slovénie</i>
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19.	LOPUSHANSKYI, Andrii [Mr]	Ukraine / <i>Ukraine</i>
20.	WOOD, Mike [Mr]	United Kingdom / <i>Royaume-Uni</i>

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Sub-Committee on Gender Equality
Sous-commission sur l'égalité de genre

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