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

### Synopsis of the meeting held in Paris on 11 March 2016

The Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, meeting in Paris on 11 March 2016, first with Ms Elena Centemero (Italy, EPP/CD) then with Ms Marit Maij (Netherlands, SOC) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Assessing the impact of measures to improve women's political representation** (*Rapporteur: Ms Elena Centemero, Italy, EPP/CD*): considered and approved a draft report and adopted a draft resolution;
- **Renewed commitment in the fight against antisemitism in Europe** (*Rapporteur: Mr Boriss Cilevičs, Latvia, SOC*): considered and approved a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution;
- **International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (21 March)**: considered and approved a draft statement;
- **Communication from the Chairperson**: heard a communication from the Chairperson;
- **Women in the public space**: took note of the Chairperson's proposal to work on the theme of Women in the public space and agreed to come back to this item at its next meeting;
- **Hearing on "Women and radicalisation leading to terrorism"**: held an exchange of views with the participation of:
  - Ms Véronique Roy, mother of a young man who converted, became radicalised to take part in the Jihad and died in Syria, Paris (France);
  - Ms Melanie Smith, Researcher and Coordinator, Institute for Strategic Dialogue, London (United Kingdom);
- **The protection of the rights of parents and children belonging to religious minorities** (*Rapporteur: Mr Valeriu Ghilechi, Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD*): authorised the rapporteur to make a fact-finding visit to the United Kingdom;
- **Ending cyber-discrimination and online hate** (*Rapporteur: Ms Marit Maij, Netherlands, SOC*): postponed this item to its next meeting;
- **Appointment of representatives**: appointed (*subject to availability of funds*):
  - Ms Snežana Jonica (Montenegro, SOC) in her capacity as Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Disability and Inclusion to participate in the International Expert Level Conference on 22 March 2016 in Sofia (Bulgaria);

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- Mr Tobias Zech (Germany, EPP/CD) to participate in the 11th meeting of the Ad hoc Committee of Experts on Roma and Traveller Issues (CAHROM) of the Council of Europe, from 26 to 29 April 2016, in Sofia (Bulgaria);
- Ms Elena Centemero (Italy, EPP/CD) in her capacity as Chairperson of the Committee to participate in the 9th meeting of the Gender Equality Commission (GEC) of the Council of Europe, on 28 April 2016 in Strasbourg (France);
- **Composition of Sub-Committees:** approved the following changes:
  - Sub-Committee on Gender Equality: Ms Ingrid Antičević Marinović (Croatia, SOC) became full member, Ms Dawn Butler (United Kingdom, SOC) became full member following the resignation from the Assembly of Ms Kate Osamor (United Kingdom, SOC);
  - Sub-Committee on Disability and Inclusion: Ms Serap Yaşar (Turkey, EC) became full member, Ms Leyla Şahin Usta (Turkey, EC) withdrew as full member and became substitute, Ms Mary Robinson (United Kingdom, EC) became full member, Mr Mike Wood (United Kingdom, EC) withdrew as full member, Mr Paul Flynn (United Kingdom, SOC) became substitute and Ms Paula Sherriff (United Kingdom, SOC) withdrew as substitute;
  - Sub-Committee on the Rights of Minorities: Ms Leyla Şahin Usta (Turkey, EC) became full member, Ms Serap Yaşar (Turkey, EC) withdrew as full member and became substitute, Mr Paul Flynn (United Kingdom, SOC) became substitute and Mr Mike Wood (United Kingdom, EC) withdrew as substitute;
- **Dates and places of the next meetings:** confirmed the forthcoming meetings as follows:
  - Strasbourg, during the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Part-Session 2016 of the Assembly (20-24 June 2016);
  - Paris, 9 September 2016 (Sénat, salle Clémenceau);
  - Strasbourg, during the 4<sup>th</sup> Part-Session 2016 of the Assembly (10-14 October 2016);
  - Paris, 5 December 2016.

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**The Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence**, meeting in Paris, on Friday 11 March 2016, from 4.30 to 5.30pm, as regards:

- **Exchange of views with Ms Feride Acar, President of the Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic violence (GREVIO) and members of the GREVIO:** held an exchange of views;
- **Date and place of the next meeting:** during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Part-Session 2016 of the Assembly (18-22 April 2016).

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- cc.:
- Secretary General of the Assembly
  - Director General, Director 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