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

### Synopsis of the meeting held in Stockholm from 17 to 18 May 2016

The Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, meeting in Stockholm on 17 May 2016:

- **Tuesday 17 May 2016, from 8.30am to 12.30pm:** with Ms Elena Centemero (Italy, EPP/CD) in the chair, as regards:
  - **Guaranteeing equal rights and protecting women against violence in the armed forces** (*Rapporteur: Ms Maryvonne Blondin, France, SOC*): approved the change of the title of the report to “*Women in the armed forces: promoting equality, putting an end to gender-based violence*”, considered and approved a report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution;
  - **International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia (17 May)**: considered and approved a statement proposed by the General Rapporteur on the Rights of LGBT people;
  - **Equality and non-discrimination: focus on Sweden**: held an exchange of views with Ms Åsa Regnér, Minister for Children, the Elderly and Gender Equality, Ministry of Health and Social Affairs of Sweden;
  - **Work programme**: appointed Mr Jonas Gunnarsson (Sweden, SOC) as General Rapporteur on the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people and heard a declaration of absence of conflict of interest from him, under Article 13 of the Rules of Procedures of the Assembly;
  - **Ending cyberdiscrimination and online hate** (*Rapporteur: Ms Marit Maij, Netherlands, SOC*): considered an information memorandum.
  - **Women in public space: hearing and exchange of views on “A holistic approach: the Swedish way to gender equality”**: heard the introductory remarks by Mr Jonas Gunnarsson, Chairperson of the Swedish delegation to PACE, and held a hearing with the participation of:
    - Ms Drude Dahlerup, Professor of Political science, Stockholm University and,
    - Ms Nana Kalandadze, Programme Officer, International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance, Stockholm;
  - **Promoting the inclusion of Roma and Travellers in Europe** (*Rapporteur: Mr Tobias Zech, Germany, EPP/CD*): heard a communication from the rapporteur on his fact-finding visits to Hungary (1-2 April 2016) and Bulgaria (25-27 April 2016) and authorised the rapporteur to carry out a fact-finding visit to Italy;

- **Appointment of representatives:**
  - appointed Ms Milena Santerini (Italy, SOC) to participate in a conference on “The Righteous of Our Time against Fanatism, for Dialogue and Hospitality” organised by the European Parliament on the occasion of the European Day of the Righteous, on 25 May 2016, in Brussels (Belgium) (*subject to the availability of funds*);
  - appointed Mr Florian Kronbichler (Italy, SOC) to attend the 2nd meeting of the Council of Europe Dialogue with Roma and Traveller Organisations, organised by the Special Representative of the Secretary General for Roma Issues, as a speaker for the session on combating hate speech, on 2-3 June 2016, in Strasbourg (France) (*at no cost to the Assembly*);
  - appointed Ms Françoise Hetto-Gaasch (Luxembourg, EPP/CD) to participate in a meeting on “Families in a Changing Society – on the road to equal parenthood. Solutions in the European context and their chances and risks for families in Europe”, to be held on 22 September 2016, in Berlin (Germany) (*subject to the availability of funds*);
  - appointed Ms Maryvonne Blondin (France, SOC) to participate in the 114<sup>th</sup> EUROMIL Presidium meeting to be held on 21 October 2016, in Brussels (Belgium) (*subject to the availability of funds*);
- **Reporting back:** heard a statement from Ms Elena Centemero (Italy, EPP/CD) on her participation 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: Mr Saša Magazinović (Bosnia and Herzegovina, SOC) and Mr Tomasz Cimoszewicz (Poland, EPP/CD) became full members;
  - Sub-Committee on the Rights of Minorities: Mr Saša Magazinović (Bosnia and Herzegovina, SOC) became a full member;
- **Next meetings:** confirmed its next meetings as follows:
  - Strasbourg, during the 3<sup>rd</sup> part-session 2016 of the Assembly (20-24 June 2016);
  - Paris, 9 September 2016;
  - 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 No Hate Parliamentary Assembly**, meeting in Stockholm on 18 May 2016:

- **Wednesday 18 May 2016, from 9.30 to 10am:** with Ms Milena Santerini (Italy, SOC) in the chair, as regards:
  - **Hearing on Anti-Gypsyism in Europe:** heard an introductory speech by Ms Alice Bah Kuhnke, Minister for Culture and Democracy of Sweden;
    - **Round table 1: Anti-Gypsyism in politics, in public discourse and violent acts:** with Ms Milena Santerini, General Rapporteur on combating racism and intolerance, co-ordinator of the Alliance, as moderator: held an exchange of views with Ms Soraya Post, member of the European Parliament, co-Chair of ARDI (European Parliament Anti-Racism and Diversity Intergroup), and Mr Martin Collins, Additional member of the Advisory Committee on the Framework Convention on the Protection of National Minorities in respect of Ireland, Pavee Point Traveller and Roma Centre, Dublin (Ireland);
    - **Round table 2: Anti-Gypsyism, access to housing and forced evictions:** with Mr Viorel Riceard Badea, Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on the Rights of Minorities, as moderator:

held an exchange of views with Mr Adam Weiss, Managing Director, European Roma Rights Centre, Budapest (Hungary);

- **Summing up of discussions:** heard the summing up of Mr Christian Åhlund, Chair of the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI);
- **Activities of the No Hate Parliamentary Alliance and its members:** heard the coordinator's proposal to create a "No Hate" label which would be attributed to schools, sport associations, and Internet websites, and agreed to consider this proposal at one of its next meetings;
- **Next meeting:** left it to its co-ordinator to decide the date and place of its next meeting.

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