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

Synopsis of the meeting held in Paris on 5-6 December 2016

The Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, meeting in Paris, on 6 December 2016 with Ms Elena Centemero (Italy, EPP/CD) in the chair, as regards:

- **Ending cyberdiscrimination and online hate** (*Rapporteur: Ms Marit Maij, Netherlands, SOC*): considered and approved a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution as amended and a draft recommendation;
- **The protection of the rights of parents and children belonging to religious minorities** (*Rapporteur: Mr Valeriu Ghiletschi, Republic of Moldova, EPP/CD*): considered and approved a revised draft report and adopted a revised draft resolution as amended and a draft recommendation as amended;
- **The political rights of persons with disabilities: a democratic issue** (*Rapporteur: Ms Mechthild Rawert, Germany, SOC*): considered a preliminary draft report;
- **Migration from a gender perspective: empowering women as key actors for integration** (*Rapporteur: Ms Gabriela Heinrich, Germany, SOC*): considered an introductory memorandum;
- **Promoting the human rights of and eliminating discrimination against intersex people** (*Rapporteur: Mr Piet de Bruyn, Belgium, NR*): considered an introductory memorandum and authorised the rapporteur to make a fact-finding visit to Malta;
- **Composition of Sub-Committees**: approved the changes to the composition of the three Sub-Committees:
 - Sub-Committee on Gender Equality : Ms Alice-Mary Higgins (Ireland, SOC) became a full member;
 - Sub-Committee on the Rights of Minorities: Ms Alice-Mary Higgins (Ireland, SOC) became a full member;
 - Sub-Committee on Disability and Inclusion: Mr Terry Leyden (Ireland, ALDE) became a full member;

– **Work Programme:**

- Considered and took note of the Activity report 2016;
- Considered and took note of the Activities and working structures of the Committee in 2017 and, in particular, convened to ask the Bureau of the Assembly to modify the title and terms of reference of the General Rapporteur on the Rights of LGBT People so as to include a reference to intersex people, asked the Secretariat to prepare draft terms of reference for a new General Rapporteur on Gender Equality in Politics and Democratic Citizenship and convened to come back to this item at its next meeting;
- Appointed Mr Damien Thiéry (Belgium, ALDE) as rapporteur for report on “Discrimination in access to employment”, and heard, from him, a statement of absence of conflict of interests;
- Appointed Mr Manuel Tornare (Switzerland, SOC) as rapporteur for report on “Detainees with severe disabilities in Europe”, and heard, from him, a statement of absence of conflict of interests;
- Appointed Mr Jonas Gunnarsson (Sweden, SOC) as rapporteur for report on “Private and family life: achieving equality regardless of sexual orientation”, and heard, from him, a statement of absence of conflict of interests;
- Convened to request the Bureau of the Assembly to be seized for an opinion on the report prepared by the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy on “The evaluation of the partnership for democracy in respect of the Parliament of Morocco”;

– **Reporting back:** heard statements from:

- Ms Maryvonne Blondin (France, SOC) on her participation in the 114th EUROMIL Presidium meeting on 21 October 2016 in Brussels (Belgium);
- Mr Jonas Gunnarsson (Sweden, SOC) on his participation in ILGA-Europe’s 20th Annual Conference on “Power to the People - Celebrating 20 years of the strength within” on 19-22 October 2016 in Nicosia (Cyprus) and in the European Governmental LGBTI Focal Point Network Roundtable on 17-18 November 2016 in Strasbourg (France);
- Ms Mechthild Rawert (Germany, SOC) on her participation at the Expert Seminar “Our right to participate – promoting the participation of persons with disabilities in political and public life” organised by OSCE/ODIHR on 31 October 2016 in Helsinki (Finland);
- **Appointment of representatives:** appointed Mr Jonas Gunnarsson (Sweden, SOC), in his capacity as General rapporteur on the Rights of LGBT people, to participate in the international conference on Rainbow families in Europe organised by NELFA on 24 March 2017 in Naples (Italy) (*subject to the availability of funds*);

– **Next meetings:** confirmed its next meetings as follows:

– *Committee meetings:*

- Strasbourg, during the 1st part-session 2017 of the Assembly (23-27 January 2017);
- Paris, 20-21 March 2017;
- Strasbourg, during the 2nd part-session 2017 of the Assembly (24-28 April 2017);
- Milan (Italy), May or June 2017 (*dates to be confirmed; subject to the authorisation of the Bureau of the Assembly*);
- Strasbourg, during the 3rd part-session 2017 of the Assembly (26-30 June 2017);
- Paris, 18 September 2017;
- Strasbourg, during the 4th part-session 2017 of the Assembly (9-13 October 2017);
- Paris, 7 December 2017.

– *No Hate Parliamentary Alliance:*

- Paris, 20 or 21 March 2017.

The No Hate Parliamentary Alliance, meeting in Paris, on 5 December 2016, with Ms Milena Santerini (Italy, SOC) in the chair, as regards:

- **No Hate Certificate:** approved the creation of a No Hate Certificate as well as its regulations and nomination form;
- **Hearing on Violence and discrimination on grounds of ethnic origin:** held a hearing with the participation of Ms Cécile Kyenge, member of the European Parliament, Co-president of ARDI (European Parliament Anti-Racism and Diversity Intergroup), Chair of ARDI's working group on Afrophobia; Mr Momodou Malcolm Jallow, Vice chair of the European Network Against Racism (ENAR), member of the City council Malmö (Sweden), Chair of the Pan African Movement for Justice; and Mr Pham Huu Uyen, member of the Czech Republic's Government Council for National Minorities;
- **Activities of the No Hate Parliamentary Alliance and its members:** held an exchange of views on the 2016 activity report;
- **Next meeting:** decided to hold its next meeting in Paris on 20 or 21 March 2017, depending on the decision to be taken by the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination.

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