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

Synopsis of the meeting held in Strasbourg from 23 to 26 January 2017

The Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, meeting in Strasbourg from 23 to 26 January 2017:

- **Monday 23 January 2017, from 2 to 3pm:**

With Ms Maryvonne Blondin (France, SOC), oldest member present, and then Ms Elena Centemero (Italy, EPP/CD), in the Chair, as regards:

- ***Election of the Bureau of the Committee:*** re-elected by acclamation:
 - Ms Elena Centemero (Italy, EPP/CD) as Chairperson,
 - Ms Marit Maij (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 ;
- ***Challenge on procedural grounds of the still unratified credentials of the parliamentary delegation of the Slovak Republic:*** appointed Ms Elena Centemero (Italy, EPP/CD) as rapporteur for opinion and heard a declaration of absence of conflict of interest from her;
- ***Women in public space:*** heard a communication from Ms Elena Centemero (Italy, EPP/CD) on her fact-finding visit to Paris (11 January 2017), made in the framework of the preparation of her report on "Women's empowerment in the economy"; and held a hearing on "Breaking the glass ceiling: the role of gender equality and family policies", with the participation of Ms Paola Profeta, Associate Professor of Public Finance, Department of Policy Analysis and Public Management, Bocconi University, Milan (Italy) and Ms Lella Golfo, President of the Marisa Bellisario Foundation, Rome (Italy) by video conference;
- **Tuesday 24 January 2017, from 8.30 to 9.15 am:** as regards:
 - ***Communication from the Chairperson:*** heard a communication from her Chairperson on the priorities for 2017; and decided to request the authorisation of the President of the Assembly to organise an exhibition on renowned women during the April part-session (24-28 April 2017) as well as a photo exhibition on women refugees during the June part-session (26-30 June 2017);

- **Discrimination in access to employment** (*Rapporteur: Mr Damien Thiéry, Belgium, ALDE*): considered an introductory memorandum;
- **Reconstitution of the Sub-Committees**: reconstituted its Sub-Committees on Gender Equality, on the Rights of Minorities and on Disability and Multiple and Intersectional Discrimination and approved the revised terms of reference of the Sub-Committee on Disability and Multiple and Intersectional Discrimination;
- **Appointment of representatives**: appointed:
 - Ms Milena Santerini (Italy, SOC), and Ms Gülsün Bilgehan (Turkey, SOC), as guest speakers, to participate in the Conference on “Online hate, conspiracy theories and declining confidence in the media” organised by the No Hate Parliamentary Alliance, which will be held in Berlin (Germany), on 13 February 2017 (*subject to the availability of funds*); took note that Mr Goran Beus Richemberg (Croatia, ALDE), Ms Maryvonne Blondin (France, SOC), Ms Elena Centemero (Italy, EPP/CD), Mr Piet de Bruyn (Belgium, NR), Mr Florian Kronbichler (Italy, SOC) and Mr Adão Silva (Portugal, EPP/CD) would also attend (*at no cost to the Assembly*);
 - Ms Elena Centemero (Italy, EPP/CD) to participate in the 61st session of the Commission on the Status of Women on “Women’s economic empowerment in the changing world of work”, to be held from 13 to 24 March 2017 in New York, which was authorised by the Bureau of the Assembly on 27 January 2017 (*subject to the availability of funds*), and took note that Ms Pascale Crozon (France, SOC), Ms Sílvia Eloísa Bonet (Andorra, SOC) and Ms Béatrice Fresko-Rolfo (Monaco, EPP/CD) would also attend (*at no cost to the Assembly*);
 - Ms Mechthild Rawert (Germany, SOC), Mr Manuel Tornare (Switzerland, SOC) and the Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Disability and Multiple and Intersectional Discrimination to participate in the Launching conference of the Council of Europe Disability Strategy 2017-2023, “Human Rights – a reality for all”, to be held on 27-28 March 2017 in Nicosia (Cyprus) (*subject to the availability of funds*);
 - Ms Elena Centemero (Italy, EPP/CD) to participate in the meetings of the Gender Equality Commission (GEC) of the Council of Europe, on 5-7 April 2017 and 22-24 November 2017 in Strasbourg (France) (*subject to the availability of funds*);
- **Work programme of the Committee**:
 - accepted the invitation from the Italian delegation to hold a meeting in Milan, on 18-19 May 2017, which was authorised by the Bureau of the Assembly on 27 January 2017;
 - after checking the quorum, considered and adopted a draft motion for a resolution on “Promoting the rights of persons belonging to national minorities” ;
 - appointed Ms Elvira Kovács (Serbia, EPP/CD) as rapporteur for report on “Growing hate speech and role of the political leaders in fighting hate crime: follow-up to ECRI Recommendations”, and Ms Béatrice Fresko-Rolfo (Monaco, EPP/CD) as rapporteur for report on “Addressing forced marriage: legal provisions and promising practices”, and heard a declaration of absence of conflict of interest from them;
- **Assembly’s institutional representation**: appointed Mr Damien Thiéry (Belgium, ALDE) as the Committee representative and Mr Boriss Cilevičs (Latvia, SOC) as its substitute to the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI) for 2017;
- **Tuesday 24 January 2017, from 2 to 3.30pm:**

With Ms Elena Centemero (Italy, EPP/CD), then Ms Pascale Crozon (France, SOC), as oldest member present, in the chair, as regards:

- **Ending cyberdiscrimination and online hate** (*Rapporteur: Ms Marit Maij, Netherlands, SOC*): in the absence of the rapporteur, heard, from Ms Gülsün Bilgehan (Turkey, SOC), the rapporteur’s position on the amendments tabled; took a position on the 12 tabled amendments to the draft resolution and on three oral sub-amendments and took a position on the two tabled amendments to the draft recommendation and on one oral sub-amendment and asked the Chairperson to propose that the

amendments unanimously approved be declared as adopted by the Assembly, in conformity with Article 34.11 of the Rules of the Assembly;

- **Challenge on procedural grounds of the still unratified credentials of the parliamentary delegation of the Slovak Republic:** considered and approved the opinion of the Committee, including one amendment, on the draft resolution of the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs;
- **The political rights of persons with disabilities: a democratic issue** (*Rapporteur: Ms Mechthild Rawert, Germany, SOC*): considered and approved a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution;
- **Wednesday 25 January 2017, from 2 to 3.30pm:** as regards:
 - **Protecting women refugees from gender-based violence** (*Rapporteur: Ms Gisela Wurm, Austria, SOC*): considered a preliminary draft report and held a hearing on Yazidi women and rehabilitation of victims of violence with the participation of Ms Farida Abbas, Yazidi woman survivor of ISIS violence, author of "The girl who beat ISIS" and Dr Michael Blume, Head of the Special Quota Project, Land of Baden-Württemberg, Germany;
 - **Migration from a gender perspective: empowering women as key actors for integration** (*Rapporteur: Ms Gabriela Heinrich, Germany, SOC*): heard a communication from the rapporteur and authorised her to make a fact-finding visit to Norway;
- **Thursday 26 January 2017, from 2 to 3.30pm:** as regards:
 - **Promoting the inclusion of Roma and Travellers** (*Rapporteur: Mr Tobias Zech, Germany, EPP/CD*): took a position on the two amendments tabled to the draft resolution and on one oral sub-amendment and asked her Chairperson to propose that the unanimously approved amendment be declared as adopted by the Assembly, in conformity with Article 34.11 of the Rules of the Assembly;
 - **Putting an end to sexual violence and harassment of women in the public space** (*Rapporteur: Ms Françoise Hetto-Gaasch, Luxembourg, EPP/CD*): considered an introductory memorandum;
 - **Detainees with severe disabilities in Europe** (*Rapporteur: Mr Manuel Tornare, Switzerland, SOC*): considered an introductory memorandum;
 - **Composition of Sub-Committees:** approved the lists of members of the three sub-committees, as they appear in appendix;
 - **Free debate:** following an exchange of views between the members, asked the Chairperson to make a statement on the Russian bill decriminalising violence against family members and agreed to consider the current threats to women's rights in several countries at its next meeting;
 - **Next meetings:** decided to hold its next meetings as follows:
 - Paris, 20-21 March 2017 (morning only on 21 March);
 - Strasbourg, during the 2nd part-session 2017 of the Assembly (24-28 April 2017);
 - Milan (Italy), 18-19 May 2017 (*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.

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Paris, 21 March 2017 (afternoon).

The Sub-Committee on the Rights of Minorities, meeting in Strasbourg, on Tuesday 24 January 2017, from 9.30 to 9.45am, as regards:

- **Election of the Bureau of the Sub-Committee:** elected by acclamation Mr Damien Thiéry (Belgium, ALDE), as Chairperson and Ms Elvira Kovács (Serbia, EPP/CD) as Vice-Chairperson;
- **Activities in 2016 and future work:** took note of the activities and proposals for its future work;
- **Date and place of the future meeting:** left it to its Chairperson to decide the date and place of the next meeting.

The Sub-Committee on Disability and Multiple and Intersectional Discrimination, meeting in Strasbourg, on Tuesday 24 January 2017, from 9.45 to 10.00am, as regards:

- **Election of the Bureau of the Sub-Committee:** elected by acclamation Mr Adão Silva (Portugal, EPP/CD), as Chairperson and, in the absence of candidates, postponed the election of the Vice-Chairperson to a next meeting;
- **Activities in 2016 and future work:** took note of the activities and proposals for its future work;
- **Date and place of the future 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
Director General, Director and all staff of the Secretariat of the Assembly
Secretaries of National Delegations and of Political Groups of the Assembly
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Secretary to the Committee of Ministers
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Director of Communication
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Sub-Committee on Gender Equality *Sous-commission sur l'égalité de genre*

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14.	FRESKO-ROLFO, Béatrice [Mme]	Monaco / <i>Monaco</i>	
15.	CIMOSZEWICZ, Tomasz [Mr]	Poland / <i>Pologne</i>	
16.	BIRCHALL, Ana [Ms]	Romania / <i>Roumanie</i>	
17.	PANTIĆ PILJA, Biljana [Ms]	Serbia / <i>Serbie</i>	
18.	GUNNARSSON, Jonas [Mr]	Sweden / <i>Suède</i>	
19.	TORNARE, Manuel [M.]	Switzerland / <i>Suisse</i>	GRIN, Jean-Pierre [M.]
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**Sub-Committee on Disability, Multiple and Intersectional Discrimination /
Sous-commission sur le handicap,
la discrimination multiple et intersectionnelle**

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