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

### Synopsis of the meeting held in Paris on 20 and 21 March 2017

The Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, meeting in Paris on 20 and 21 March 2017:

- **Monday 20 March 2017, from 9am to 5.30pm**

With Ms Maryvonne Blondin (France, SOC), third Vice-Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- ***Protecting refugee women from gender-based violence*** (*Rapporteur: Ms Gisela Wurm, Austria, SOC*): considered and approved a draft report and unanimously adopted an amended draft resolution;
- ***International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (21 March)***: considered and unanimously adopted an amended statement;
- ***Putting an end to sexual violence and harassment of women in the public space*** (*Rapporteur: Ms Françoise Hetto-Gaasch, Luxembourg, EPP/CD*): considered an information memorandum and held a hearing with the participation of Ms Chris Blache, Consultant in ethno-sociology, co-founder of Gender and City (Paris) and Ms Jo-Ann Enright, Communications, Campaigns and Digital Coordinator of Action Aid Ireland;
- ***Promoting diversity and equality in politics*** (*Rapporteur: Mr Killion Munyama, Poland, EPP/CD*): held an exchange of views on the replies received to the questionnaire sent by the rapporteur;
- ***Work programme***: appointed:
  - Mr Viorel Riceard Badea (Romania, EPP/CD) as rapporteur for report on “Promoting the rights of persons belonging to national minorities”, and heard a declaration of absence of conflict of interest from him;
  - Ms Elena Centemero (Italy, EPP/CD), in her absence, as rapporteur for opinion on “Integration of refugees in times of critical pressure: learning from recent experience and examples of best practice”, subject to hearing from her a declaration of absence of conflict of interest at the next meeting;
  - Ms Sílvia Bonet (Andorra, SOC) as rapporteur for opinion on “Evaluation of the partnership for democracy in respect of the Parliament of Morocco”, and heard a declaration of absence of conflict of interest from her;

- **Follow-up given to the resolutions adopted by the Assembly:** heard a communication by Ms Françoise Hetto-Gaasch (Luxembourg, EPP/CD) on the follow-up given to her report on “Equality and shared parental responsibility: the role of fathers”;
- **Reporting back:** heard a reporting back from Ms Gülsün Bilgehan (Turkey, SOC) on her participation in the Conference on “Online hate, conspiracy ideologies and declining confidence in the media” organised by the No Hate Parliamentary Alliance and the German Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, held in Berlin (Germany), on 13 February 2017;
- **Appointment of representatives:** appointed, *subject to the availability of funds*:
  - Mr Killion Muniyama (Poland, EPP/CD) to participate in a workshop on “Strengthening diverse leadership, participation and representation of Roma, including women and youth, in public and political life” organised by OSCE/ODIHR on 27-28 March 2017 in Brussels (Belgium);
  - Mr Piet de Bruyn (Belgium NR) to participate in the seminar on “Legal Gender Recognition” organised by the Portuguese Commission for Citizenship and Gender Equality on 31 March 2017 in Lisbon (Portugal);
- **Tuesday 21 March 2017, from 9am to 2.30pm**

With Ms Maryvonne Blondin (France, SOC), then Mr Manuel Tornare (Switzerland, SOC), oldest member present, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Promoting the human rights of and eliminating discrimination against intersex people** (*Rapporteur: Mr Piet de Bruyn, Belgium, NR*): considered an information memorandum and held a hearing with the participation of Dan Christian Ghattas, Co-Chair, Organisation Intersex International Europe (OII Europe) ; Kitty Anderson, Secretary, Executive Board, Organisation Intersex International Europe (OII Europe) and Romain Blanchard, chargé de mission discriminations, Défenseur des Droits, France;
- **Current threats to women’s rights:** held an exchange of views with the participation of Ms Iliana Stoicheva, Vice President of European Women’s Lobby;
- **Any other business:**
  - approved the following change in the composition of the Sub-Committee on Disability, Multiple and Intersectional Discrimination: Ms Athanasia Anagnostopoulou (Greece, UEL) became substitute member of Mr Miltiades Varvitsiotis (Greece, EPP/CD);
  - took note of the call for nominations for the 2017 Václav Havel Prize, and that the deadline for applications was 30 April 2017
- **Next meetings:** decided to hold its next meetings as follows:
  - Strasbourg, during the 2<sup>nd</sup> part-session 2017 of the Assembly (24-28 April 2017);
  - Milan (Italy), 18-19 May 2017;
  - Strasbourg, during the 3<sup>rd</sup> part-session 2017 of the Assembly (26-30 June 2017);
  - Paris, 18 September 2017;
  - Strasbourg, during the 4<sup>th</sup> part-session 2017 of the Assembly (9-13 October 2017);
  - Paris, 7 December 2017.

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**The Sub-Committee on Gender Equality**, meeting in Paris, on Monday 20 March 2017, from 12.15pm to 12.30pm, first with Ms Maryvonne Blondin (France, SOC), oldest member present, and Ms Françoise Hetto-Gaasch (Luxembourg, EPP/CD) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Election of the Bureau of the Sub-Committee:** elected by acclamation Ms Françoise Hetto-Gaasch (Luxembourg, EPP/CD) as Chairperson, and re-elected by acclamation Mr Jonas Gunnarsson (Sweden, SOC) as Vice-Chairperson;
- **Date and place of the future meeting:** left it to its Chairperson to decide the date and place of the next meeting.

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**The No Hate Parliamentary Alliance**, meeting in Paris, on 21 March 2017, from 2.30pm to 4.30pm, held a hearing on the "Places of remembrance and cultural institutions as a tool to counter hatred" with the participation of Mr Paul Shapiro, Director of the Office of International Affairs, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington DC, USA, (by videoconference), Mr David Friggieri, Coordinator on combating anti-Muslim hatred, European Commission, and Mr Valeriu Nicolae, Special representative of the Secretary General for Roma issues, Council of Europe.

**The No Hate Parliamentary Alliance** left it to its Chairperson to decide the date and place of the next meeting.

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