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

Synopsis of the meeting held in Strasbourg from 26 to 29 June 2017

The Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, meeting in Strasbourg from 26 to 29 June 2017,

- **Monday 26 June 2017, from 2pm to 3pm:** with Ms Elena Centemero (Italy, EPP/CD), in the Chair, as regards:
 - ***Composition of the Sub-Committees:*** concerning the Delegation of Romania, approved the following changes to the composition of the Sub-Committees:
 - Sub-Committee on Gender Equality: Ms Cristina- Mădălina Prună (Romania, NR) became a full member and Ms Adriana-Diana Tuşa (Romania, SOC) became a substitute member;
 - Sub-Committee on the Rights of Minorities: Ms Erika Benkö (Romania, EPP/CD) became a substitute member;
 - Sub-Committee on Disability, Multiple and Intersectional Discrimination: Mr Ion-Marcel Ciolacu (Romania, SOC) became a full member and Mr Cristian-Sorin Dumitrescu (Romania, SOC) became a substitute member;
 - ***Migration from a gender perspective: empowering women as key actors for integration*** (Rapporteur: Ms Gabriela Heinrich, Germany, SOC): held a hearing with the participation of Ms Sybille Fezer, Executive Director for Programmes & Strategic Development, Medica Mondiale (Germany), and Ms Fatuma Musa Afrah, Human rights activist, consultant on the integration of newcomers (Germany) and considered an information memorandum;
 - ***No Hate Parliamentary Alliance:*** heard a communication from the General Rapporteur on combating racism and intolerance on recent activities;
- **Tuesday 27 June 2017, from 8.30am to 10am:** with first Ms Elena Centemero (Italy, EPP/CD) in the Chair and then Mr Manuel Tornare (Switzerland, SOC), as regards:
 - ***Women in public space:*** heard a communication from the Chairperson;
 - ***Detainees with severe disabilities in Europe*** (Rapporteur: Mr Manuel Tornare, Switzerland, SOC): considered an information memorandum and authorised the rapporteur to make fact-finding visits to Belgium and France;

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- **Promoting diversity and equality in politics** (*Rapporteur: Mr Killion Munyama, Poland, EPP/CD*): heard an oral communication from the rapporteur on his fact-finding visit to Brussels (Belgium) on 13 and 14 June 2017;
- **World Forum for Democracy**: appointed Mr Saša Magazinović (Bosnia and Herzegovina, SOC), Mr Goran Beus Richembergh (Croatia, ALDE) and Mr Jean-Pierre Grin (Switzerland, ALDE) in addition to the 10 members appointed on 19 May 2017 as members to the Ad Hoc Committee of the Bureau of the Assembly to participate in the World Forum for Democracy which will take place from 8 to 10 November 2017 in Strasbourg (*at no cost to the Assembly*) and held an exchange of views with Ms Claudia Luciani, Director, Directorate of Democratic Governance, Directorate General of Democracy, Council of Europe;
- **Appointment of representatives**: appointed *at no cost to the Assembly*:
 - Mr Manuel Tornare (Switzerland, SOC), in the framework of his report on “Detainees with severe disabilities in Europe” to participate in a general discussion on equality and non-discrimination organised by the United Nations Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities to be held in Geneva on 25 August 2017;
 - Mr Killion Munyama (Poland, EPP/CD) to participate in the 6th International Roma Women Conference “Women and Political Representation: The Case of Roma Women” to be held in Bucharest (Romania) from 4 to 5 September 2017;
 - Ms Elena Centemero (Italy, EPP/CD) to participate in a Seminar on Nanoscience to be held in Gagliato (Italy) from 23 to 28 July 2017;
- **Work Programme**: appointed:
 - Mr Piet de Bruyn (Belgium, NR) as General Rapporteur on the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex people (LGBTIs) and heard, from him, a declaration of absence of conflict of interests;
 - decided to inform the Bureau of the Assembly that the motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Talip Küçükcan (Turkey, EC) and other members of the Assembly on “Safeguarding the fundamental rights and freedoms of the Turkish Muslim Minority in Western Thrace, Greece” would be taken into account in the framework of the report being prepared by Mr Viorel Riceard Badea (Romania, EPP/CD) on “Promoting the rights of persons belonging to national minorities”;
- **Reporting back**: heard reporting back from:
 - Mr Adão Silva (Portugal, EPP/CD) and Mr Manuel Tornare (Switzerland, SOC) on their fact-finding visit to meet with representatives of international organisations active in the field of disability, which took place on 22-23 May 2017 in Geneva (Switzerland);
 - Ms Béatrice Fresko-Rolfo (Monaco, EPP/CD) on her participation in the 7th World Congress on Family Law and Children's Rights, held on 4-7 June 2017 in Dublin (Ireland);
 - Ms Elena Centemero (Italy, EPP/CD) on her participation in the presentation of the White Paper on Equality of the Principality of Andorra, held on 21 June 2017 in Andorra.
- **Wednesday 28 June 2017, from 2 to 3.30pm**: with the alternate chairmanship of Ms Elena Centemero (Italy, EPP/CD) and Mr Manuel Tornare (Switzerland, SOC):
 - **Putting an end to sexual violence and harassment of women in public space** (*Rapporteur: Ms Françoise Hetto-Gaasch, Luxembourg, EPP/CD*): took a position on the 6 amendments tabled to the draft resolution and on 3 oral sub-amendments and asked the Chairperson to propose that the amendments unanimously approved be declared as adopted by the Assembly, in conformity with Rule 34.11 of the Rules of the Assembly;
 - **Women's empowerment in the economy** (*Rapporteur: Ms Elena Centemero, Italy, EPP/CD*): considered a revised information memorandum;

- **Private and family life: achieving equality regardless of sexual orientation** (*Rapporteur: Mr Jonas Gunnarsson, Sweden, SOC*): considered an introductory memorandum;
- **Any other business**: was informed by Mr Nikolaj Villumsen (Denmark, UEL) of the invitation to be received from the Danish Delegation to hold a meeting of the Committee in Copenhagen in March 2018, in the framework of the Danish Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers.
- **Thursday 29 June 2017, from 8.30 to 10am**: with Ms Elena Centemero (Italy, EPP/CD) in the Chair:
- **Promoting the human rights of and eliminating discrimination against intersex people** (*Rapporteur: Mr Piet De Bruyn, Belgium, NR*): considered a preliminary draft report and held a hearing with the participation of Ms María Amor Estébanez, Senior Policy Manager, Equality and Citizens' Rights Department, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights and Dr Benjamin Moron-Puech, Associate researcher at the Laboratory of Legal Sociology of the University Paris II Panthéon-Assas, Paris and at the Institute of Mediterranean, European and Comparative Ethnology (Aix-Marseille University CNRS);
- **Next meetings**: confirmed its next meetings as follows:
 - Paris, 18 September 2017;
 - Strasbourg, during the 4th part-session 2017 of the Assembly (9-13 October 2017);
 - Paris, 7 December 2017.

The Sub-Committee on the Rights of Minorities, meeting in Strasbourg, on Tuesday 27 June 2017, from 2 to 3pm, as regards:

- **Diversity and minorities in intercultural cities**: held an exchange of views with Ms Irena Guidikova, Head of Division, Intercultural Cities, Directorate General of Democracy, Council of Europe;
- **Activities in 2017**: took note of the activities planned for 2017;
- **Next meeting**: decided to meet during the October part-session, in Strasbourg.

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