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

### Synopsis of the meeting held in Strasbourg from 22 to 25 January 2018

The Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, meeting in Strasbourg from 22 to 25 January 2018,

- **Monday 22 January 2018, from 2pm to 3pm:** with Ms Maryvonne Blondin (France, SOC), oldest member present, and then Ms Elvira Kovács (Serbia, EPP/CD) in the Chair, as regards:
  - **Election of the Bureau of the Committee:** elected by acclamation:
    - Ms Elvira Kovács (Serbia, EPP/CD), as Chairperson,
    - Mr Manuel Tornare (Switzerland, SOC), as First Vice-Chairperson,
- **Tuesday 23 January 2018, from 2 to 3.30pm:** with Ms Elvira Kovács (Serbia, EPP/CD) in the Chair, as regards:
  - **Election of the Bureau of the Committee:** elected by acclamation:
    - Ms Filiz Kerestecioğlu Demir (Turkey, UEL), as Third Vice-Chairperson;
  - **Challenge on procedural grounds of the still unratified credentials of the parliamentary delegation of Andorra:**
    - appointed the Chairperson of the Committee, Ms Elvira Kovács, as rapporteur for opinion, and heard a declaration of absence of conflict of interest from her;
    - considered and approved the Committee's opinion, including one amendment, on the draft resolution of the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs;
  - **Alleged extreme discrimination and crimes against homosexuals in the Chechen Republic (Russian Federation)** (*Rapporteur: Mr Piet de Bruyn, Belgium, NR*): considered an introductory memorandum and decided to change the title of the report as follows: *Alleged extreme discrimination and crimes against LGBTI people in the Chechen Republic (Russian Federation)*;
  - **Forced marriage in Europe** (*Rapporteur: Ms Béatrice Fresko-Rolfo, Monaco, EPP/CD*): considered an information memorandum;
  - **Migration from a gender perspective: empowering women as key actors for integration** (*Rapporteur: Ms Gabriela Heinrich, Germany, SOC*): considered an information memorandum;

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- **Work programme:**
  - *Proposal for the setting up of a new general rapporteur on women in politics:* decided unanimously to reject the proposal;
- **Thursday 25 January 2018, from 8.30am to 9.40am:** with Ms Elvira Kovács (Serbia, EPP/CD) in the Chair, as regards:
  - **Reconstitution and composition of the Sub-Committees:** decided unanimously not to reconstitute the Sub-Committee on Gender Equality and reconstituted the Sub-Committee on the Rights of Minorities and the Sub-Committee on Disability and Multiple and Intersectional Discrimination, and approved the lists of members which are set out in Appendices 1 and 2;
  - **Detainees with severe disabilities in Europe** (*Rapporteur: Mr Manuel Tornare, Switzerland, SOC*): heard a communication from the Rapporteur on his fact-finding visits to France (8 December 2017) and Belgium (10-11 January 2018) and took note of an information memorandum;
  - **Work programme:**
    - *Appointment of rapporteur:* appointed Ms Sahiba Gafarova (Azerbaijan, EC), rapporteur for opinion on *Protecting the rights of people with psychosocial disabilities with regard to involuntary measures in psychiatry*, and heard from her a declaration of absence of conflict of interest;
    - *Call for candidatures:* called for candidates for the following report:  
  
*Stop hate speech and acts of hatred in sport*, motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Goran Beus Richembergh (Croatia, ALDE) and other members of the Assembly;
  - **Assembly's institutional representation:** appointed Mr Damien Thiéry (Belgium, ALDE) as the Committee representative and Mr David Davies (United Kingdom, EC) as its substitute to the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI) for 2018;
  - **Reporting back:** heard a report from Ms Gülsün Bilgehan (Turkey, SOC) on her participation in the Inter-parliamentary Committee Meeting of the European Parliament organised on the occasion of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women 2017 on "The Istanbul Convention: combating violence against women at national and EU level", held in Brussels on 21 November 2017;
  - **Appointment of representatives:** appointed Mr Piet De Bruyn (Belgium, NR), in his capacity as General rapporteur on the Rights of LGBTI people, to participate in the conference on "Challenge without response: hate crimes against LGBT people in Ukraine" to be held in Kyiv, Ukraine, 23 February 2018 (*subject to the availability of funds*);
  - **Meeting of the Committee in Copenhagen (1 and 2 March 2018):** took note of the draft programme;
  - **Next meetings:** confirmed its next meetings as follows:
    - Copenhagen, 1-2 March 2018;
    - Strasbourg, during the 2<sup>nd</sup> part-session 2018 of the Assembly (23-27 April);
    - Paris, 23 May 2018 (Council of Europe Office);
    - Strasbourg, during the 3<sup>rd</sup> part-session 2018 of the Assembly (25-29 June);
    - Paris, 19 September 2018 (Council of Europe Office);
    - Strasbourg, during the 4<sup>th</sup> part-session 2018 of the Assembly (8-12 October);
    - Paris, 3 December 2018 (Council of Europe Office).

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**The Parliamentary Network Women Free From Violence and the No Hate Parliamentary Alliance**, meeting in Strasbourg, on Tuesday 23 January from 8.30am to 10am, with Ms Gülsün Bilgehan (Turkey, SOC) and Ms Gabriela Heinrich (Germany, SOC) in the Chair, as regards:

- held a joint hearing on “Sexist hate speech and violence against women” with the participation of:
  - Ms Jurgita Pečiūrienė, Programme Coordinator, Gender-based Violence, European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE);
  - Ms Isabel Ventura, member of the European Women’s Lobby, Portuguese Women’s Studies Association/Women without borders (APEM/MSF).

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**The Sub-Committee on Disability and Multiple and Intersectional Discrimination**, meeting in Strasbourg, on Thursday 25 January from 9.40 to 9.50 am, with Mr Manuel Tornare (Switzerland, SOC), oldest member present, and then Mr Adão Silva (Portugal, EPP/DC) in the Chair, 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 2017 and future work:** took note of the activities and proposals for its future work;
- **Date and place of the next meeting:** left it to its Chairperson to propose the date and place of the next meeting.

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**The Sub-Committee on the Rights of Minorities**, meeting in Strasbourg, on Thursday 25 January from 9.50 to 10 am, with Mr Jean-Pierre Grin (Switzerland, ALDE) oldest member present, and then Mr Damien Thiéry (Belgium, ALDE) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Election of the Bureau of the Sub-Committee:** elected by acclamation:
  - Mr Damien Thiéry (Belgium, ALDE) as Chairperson;
  - Mr Goran Beus Richembergh (Croatia, ALDE), as Vice-Chairperson;
- **Minutes of the meeting held in Bucharest on 21 November 2017:** decided to declassify the minutes of the meeting, subject to the approval of the Committee at its next meeting on 1 March 2018;
- **Activities in 2017 and future work:** took note of the activities and proposals for its future work;
- **Next meeting:** decided to meet during the April part-session (23-27 April), in Strasbourg.

Elise Cornu, Sarah Burton, Giorgio Loddo, Elodie Fischer, Géraldine Grenet

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## Appendix 1

### List of members of the Sub-Committee on Disability and Multiple and Intersectional Discrimination

#### Chairperson / *Président*

Mr Adão SILVA, Portugal

#### Vice-Chairperson / *Vice-Président*

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Ireland / *Irlande*

Italy / *Italie*

Montenegro / Monténégro

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CHOPE, Christopher [Mr]

#### Ex officio

Ms Elvira KOVÁCS, Chairperson of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination / *Présidente de la Commission sur l'égalité et la non-discrimination*

**Appendix 2****List of members of the Sub-Committee on the Rights of Minorities****Chairperson / *Président***

Mr Damien THIERY, Belgium / Belgique

**Vice-Chairperson / *Vice-Président***

Mr Goran BEUS RICHEMBERGH, Croatia / Croatie

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*République tchèque*Cyprus / *Chypre*Finland / *Finlande*

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