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

### Synopsis of the meeting held in Strasbourg from 21 to 24 January 2019

The Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, meeting in Strasbourg from 21 to 24 January 2019, with first Mr Jean-Pierre Grin (Switzerland, ALDE), senior member present, then Ms Elvira Kovács (Serbia, EPP/CD), Chairperson, in the Chair:

- **Monday 21 January 2019, from 2 to 3 pm**, as regards:
  - **Election of the Bureau of the Committee:** re-elected by acclamation:
    - Ms Elvira Kovács (Serbia, EPP/CD), as Chairperson,
    - Mr Manuel Tornare (Switzerland, SOC), as First Vice-Chairperson,
    - Mr Viorel Riceard Badea (Romania, EPP/CD) as Second Vice-Chairperson;
  - **Appointment of rapporteurs:** heard from Mr Boriss Cilevičs (Latvia, SOC) a declaration of absence of conflict of interests for his appointment as rapporteur for report on *Ethnic profiling in Europe: a matter of high concern*;
  - **Sub-Committees:**
    - re-constituted its Sub-Committees on the Rights of Minorities and on Disability, Multiple and Intersectional Discrimination,
    - constituted the Sub-Committee on Gender Equality and approved its terms of reference;
  - **Gender breakdown in Assembly positions in 2018:** heard a statement by its Chairperson;
  - **Compatibility of Sharia law with the European Convention on Human Rights: can States Parties to the Convention be signatories of the “Cairo Declaration”?** (*Rapporteur for opinion: Mr Manuel Tornare, Switzerland, SOC*): considered and approved an opinion to the draft resolution, including 5 amendments;
  - **Václav Havel Human Rights Prize 2019: call for nominations:** took note of the press release;
- **Tuesday 22 January 2019, from 8.30 to 10am**, as regards:
  - **Empowering women: promoting access to contraception in Europe** (*Rapporteur: Ms Petra Bayr, Austria, SOC*): considered an introductory memorandum;
  - **Japan: Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment:** held a hearing with the participation of Ms Asako Osaki, Director of Gender Action Platform and of Plan International Japan;

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- **Stop hate speech and acts of hatred in sport** (*Rapporteur: Mr Goran Beus Richembergh, Croatia, ALDE*): considered a preliminary draft report;
- **Wednesday 23 January 2019, from 2 to 3.30pm**, as regards:
  - **Election of the Bureau of the Committee**: re-elected Ms Miren Edurne Gorrotxategui (Spain, UEL) as Third Vice-Chairperson, by acclamation;
  - **The protection of national minorities in Europe**: held a hearing with the participation of Mr Lamberto Zannier, OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities;
  - **Discrimination in access to employment** (*Rapporteur: Mr Damien Thiéry, Belgium, ALDE*): took position on the amendments which had been tabled to the draft resolution;
  - **For a disability-inclusive workforce** (*Rapporteur: Mr Adão Silva, Portugal, EPP/CD*): took position on the amendments which had been tabled to the draft resolution;
  - **Commission on the Status of Women (CSW 63)** (New York, United States, 11-22 March 2019): took note of the concept note of a side event on *Sexism, Harassment and Violence against Women Parliamentarians* to be co-organised by the Assembly, the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the Finnish Presidency of the Council of Europe and to be held on 12 March; decided to set up an *ad hoc* sub-committee to participate in this event (at no cost to the Assembly and subject to the authorisation of the Bureau of the Assembly), and approved its composition (Appendix 1);
  - **Achievements and challenges in implementing the Istanbul Convention on violence against women** (*Rapporteur: Ms Zita Gurmai, Hungary, SOC*): considered an information memorandum and decided to change the title of the report to *The Istanbul Convention on violence against women: achievements and challenges*;
  - **Work programme**:
    - took note of the work programme;
    - at the invitation of the Chairperson of the Serbian delegation, decided to hold a meeting in Belgrade on 5 and 6 June 2019 (subject to the authorisation by the Bureau of the Assembly);
  - **Appointment of rapporteurs**:
    - appointed Mr František Kopřiva (Czech Republic, ALDE) as rapporteur for report on *Discrimination against Roma and Travellers in the field of housing* and heard from him a declaration of absence of conflict of interests;
    - appointed Ms Thorhildur Sunna Aevarsdóttir (Iceland, SOC) as rapporteur for report on *Promoting parliaments free of sexism and sexual harassment* and heard from her a declaration of absence of conflict of interests, subject to the motion for a resolution being referred to the Committee for report by the Bureau;
    - appointed Sir Jeffrey Donaldson (United Kingdom, EC) as rapporteur for opinion on *The protection of freedom of religion or belief in the workplace*, subject to hearing from him a declaration of interests;
    - appointed Ms Violeta Tomić (Slovenia, UEL) as General Rapporteur on the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) people, and heard from her a declaration of absence of conflict of interests;
- **Thursday 24 January 2019, from 8.30 to 10am**, as regards:
  - **Sub-Committees**: approved their composition as set out in appendices 2, 3 and 4;
  - **Promoting the rights of persons belonging to national minorities** (*Rapporteur: Mr Viorel Riceard Badea, Romania, EPP/CD*): took position on the amendments which had been tabled to the draft resolution and asked its Chairperson to propose that the amendments which had been unanimously approved be declared as adopted by the Assembly under Rule 34.11 of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure;

- **Obstetrical and gynaecological violence** (*Rapporteur: Ms Maryvonne Blondin, France, SOC*): held a hearing with the participation of Ms Özge Tunçalp, Scientist, Department of Reproductive Health and Research, World Health Organization, Geneva, Switzerland, and considered an information memorandum;
- **The role and responsibilities of political leaders in combating hate speech and intolerance** (*Rapporteur: Ms Elvira Kovács, Serbia, EPP/CD*): considered a draft report;
- **The gender dimension of foreign policy** (*Rapporteur: Ms Petra Stienen, Netherlands, ALDE*): heard a statement by the rapporteur;
- **Assembly's institutional representation**: appointed Mr Damien Thiéry (Belgium, ALDE) as its representative and Mr David Davies (United Kingdom, EC) as its substitute to the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI) for 2019;
- **Appointment of representatives**: appointed Ms Béatrice Fresko-Rolfo (Monaco, ALDE), in her capacity as General Rapporteur on Violence Against Women, to participate in the 7<sup>th</sup> International Roma Women's Conference on *Roma And Traveller Women's Access to Justice And Rights*, organised under the Finnish Presidency of the Committee of the Ministers of the Council of Europe, to be held in Espoo (Finland) on 25-27 March 2019 (*subject to the availability of funds*);
- **Next meetings of the Committee**: confirmed its next meetings as follows:
  - Paris, 7 March 2019 (Council of Europe Office);
  - Strasbourg, during the 2<sup>nd</sup> part-session 2019 of the Assembly (8-12 April);
  - 5-6 June 2019 (Belgrade, subject to the Bureau's authorisation);
  - Strasbourg, during the 3<sup>rd</sup> part-session 2019 of the Assembly (24-28 June);
  - Paris, 12 September 2019 (Council of Europe Office);
  - Strasbourg, during the 4<sup>th</sup> part-session 2019 of the Assembly (30 September - 4 October);
  - Paris, 4 December 2019 (Council of Europe Office).
- **Thursday 24 January 2019, from 2 to 3.30pm, holding a joint meeting with the Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence**, as regards:
  - **Violence against women in Europe**: held a hearing with the participation of:
    - Ms Liliane Maury Pasquier, President of the Parliamentary Assembly,
    - Ms Kareen Jabre, Director, Directorate of Programmes, Inter-parliamentary Union (IPU), who presented the IPU-PACE regional study on *Sexism, harassment and violence against women in parliaments in Europe*,
    - Ms Feride Acar, President of the Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (GREVIO), who gave a presentation of *Progress and challenges in the implementation of the Istanbul Convention*.

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**Appendix 1**

**Ad Hoc Sub-Committee to participate in the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW63)  
United Nations, New York, United States, 12 March 2019**

**List of members**

1. Ms Petra BAYR (Austria, SOC)
2. Ms Maria Elena BOSCHI (Italy, SOC)
3. Mme Béatrice FRESKO-ROLFO (Monaco, ADLE)
4. Ms Sahiba GAFAROVA (Azerbaijan, EC)
5. Ms Zita GURMAI (Hungary, SOC)
6. Ms Elvira KOVAČS (Serbia, EPP/CD)
7. Mr Killion MUNYAMA (Poland, EPP/CD)
8. Ms Biljana PANTIĆ PILJA (Serbia, EPP/CD)
9. Mr Krzysztof TRUSKOLASKI (Poland, EPP/CD)

## Appendix 2

## Sub-Committee on the Rights of Minorities

## List of members

**Chairperson / Président-e**

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

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**Full Members / Titulaires**

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| 1.  | MARUKYAN, Edmon [Mr]                 | Armenia / Arménie                              |
| 2.  | THIERY, Damien [M.]                  | Belgique / Belgium                             |
| 3.  | BEUS RICHEMBERGH, Goran [Mr]         | Croatia / Croatie                              |
| 4.  | EROTOKRITOU, Christiana [Ms]         | Cyprus / Chypre                                |
| 5.  | KOPŘIVA František [Mr]               | Czech Republic /<br>République tchèque         |
| 6.  | PARVIAINEN, Olli-Poika [Mr]          | Finland / Finlande                             |
| 7.  | LAMBERT, Jérôme [M.]                 | France   |
| 8.  | HEINRICH, Frank [Mr]                 | Germany / Allemagne                            |
| 9.  | MOTSCHMANN, Elisabeth [Ms]           | Germany / Allemagne                            |
| 10. | PSYCHOGIOS, Georgios [Mr]            | Greece / Grèce                                 |
| 11. | JUHÁSZ, Hajnalka [Ms]                | Hungary / Hongrie                              |
| 12. | TROY, Robert [Mr]                    | Ireland / Irlande                              |
| 13. | CILEVIČS, Boriss [Mr]                | Latvia / Lettonie                              |
| 14. | LORSCHÉ Josée [Mme]                  | Luxembourg                                     |
| 15. | GHILETCHI, Valeriu [Mr]              | Republic of Moldova /<br>République de Moldova |
| 16. | PAVIĆEVIĆ, Sanja [Ms]                | Montenegro / Monténégro                        |
| 17. | MIESZKOWSKI, Krzysztof [Mr]          | Poland / Pologne                               |
| 18. | ESTRELA, Edite [Ms]                  | Portugal                                       |
| 19. | BADEA, Viorel-Riceard [Mr]           | Romania / Roumanie                             |
| 20. | NOVAK Ljudmila [Ms]                  | Slovenia / Slovénie                            |
| 21. | GORROTXATEGUI Miren<br>Eduarne [Mme] | Spain / Espagne                                |
| 22. | MONTILLA José [Mr]                   | Spain / Espagne                                |
| 23. | JALLOW Momodou Malcolm<br>[Mr]       | Sweden / Suède                                 |
| 24. | GRIN, Jean-Pierre [M.]               | Switzerland / Suisse                           |
| 25. | YENEROĞLU Mustafa [Mr]               | Turkey / Turquie                               |
| 26. | DONALDSON, Jeffrey [Sir]             | United Kingdom /<br>Royaume-Uni                |

**Alternates / Remplaçant-e-s**

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| VARDANYAN, Vladimir [Mr]     |
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| VOGT Ute [Ms]                |
| VARVITSIOTIS, Miltiadis [Mr] |
| BENKŐ, Erika [Ms]            |
| LOMBARDI, Filippo [M.]       |
| YAŞAR, Serpa [Mme]           |
| CREASY, Stella [Ms]          |

**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 3

#### Sub-Committee on Disability, Multiple and Intersectional Discrimination

##### List of members

###### Chairperson / Président-e

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###### Vice-Chairperson / Vice-Président-e

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###### Full Members / Titulaires

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| 2.  | RIBERAYGUA, Patrícia [Mme]        | Andorra / <i>Andorre</i>               |
| 3.  | BAYR, Petra [Ms]                  | Austria / <i>Autriche</i>              |
| 4.  | HAMZAYEV, Nagif [Mr]              | Azerbaijan / <i>Azerbaïdjan</i>        |
| 5.  | BROUWERS, Karin [Mme]             | Belgium / <i>Belgique</i>              |
| 6.  | EROTOKRITOU, Christiana [Ms]      | Cyprus / <i>Chypre</i>                 |
| 7.  | PARVIAINEN, Olli-Poika [Mr]       | Finland / <i>Finlande</i>              |
| 8.  | GAILLOT, Albane [Mme]             | France                                 |
| 9.  | MOTSCHMANN, Elisabeth [Ms]        | Germany / <i>Allemagne</i>             |
| 10. | MAVROTAS, Georgios [Mr]           | Greece / <i>Grèce</i>                  |
| 11. | HOPKINS, Maura [Ms]               | Ireland / <i>Irlande</i>               |
| 12. | PAVIĆEVIĆ, Sanja [Ms]             | Montenegro /<br><i>Monténégro</i>      |
| 13. | SILVA, Adão [M.]                  | Portugal                               |
| 14. | CUC, Alexandru Răzvan [Mr]        | Romania / <i>Roumanie</i>              |
| 15. | GORROTXATEGUI, Miren Eburne [Mme] | Spain / <i>Espagne</i>                 |
| 16. | TORNARE, Manuel [M.]              | Switzerland / <i>Suisse</i>            |
| 17. | YAŞAR, Serpa [Mme]                | Turkey / <i>Turquie</i>                |
| 18. | DOUBLE, Steve [Mr]                | United Kingdom /<br><i>Royaume-Uni</i> |

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| BULAI, Iulian [Mr]               |
| HEER, Alfred [Mr]                |
| EVANS, Nigel [Mr]                |

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## Appendix 4

## Sub-Committee on Gender Equality

## List of members

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Vice-Président-e**

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7.	TROY Robert [Mr]	Ireland / <i>Irlande</i>	
8.	FRESKO-ROLFO Béatrice [Mme]	Monaco	
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