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

Synopsis of the meeting held in Strasbourg from 27 to 30 January 2020

The Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, meeting in Strasbourg from 27 to 30 January 2020, with first Ms Maryvonne Blondin (France, SOC), oldest member present, then with Ms Petra Bayr (Austria, SOC), Chairperson, in the Chair:

- **Monday 27 January, from 2 to 3 pm**, as regards:
 - **Election of the Bureau of the Committee:** by acclamation:
 - elected Ms Petra Bayr (Austria, SOC), as Chairperson;
 - elected Ms Petra Stienen (Netherlands, ALDE), as First Vice-Chairperson;
 - elected Ms Erika Benkö (Romania, EPP/CD) as Second Vice-Chairperson;
 - re-elected Ms Feleknas Uca (Turkey, UEL) as Third Vice-Chairperson;
 - **Challenge on procedural grounds of the still unratified credentials of the parliamentary delegations of North Macedonia, Poland, Portugal, San Marino, Sweden and Switzerland:** appointed the Chairperson of the Committee, Ms Petra Bayr (Austria, SOC), as rapporteur for opinion (subject to the adoption by the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs of a report), and heard a declaration of absence of conflict of interest from her;
 - **Sub-Committees:** re-constituted its Sub-Committees on the Rights of Minorities, on Disability, Multiple and Intersectional Discrimination, and on Gender Equality;
 - **The protection of freedom of religion or belief in the workplace** (*Rapporteur for opinion: Sir Jeffrey Donaldson, United Kingdom, EC/DA*): considered and rejected an opinion, which included 1 amendment to the draft resolution;
- **Tuesday 28 January, from 2 to 2.15 pm**, as regards:
 - **Challenge on procedural grounds of the still unratified credentials of the parliamentary delegations of North Macedonia, Poland, Portugal, San Marino, Sweden and Switzerland:** took note of the adoption by the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs of an opinion for the President of the Parliamentary Assembly, in accordance with Rule 7.2 of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure, concluding that the credentials of the parliamentary delegations of North Macedonia, Poland, Portugal, San Marino, Sweden, Switzerland should be ratified;

- **Concerted action on human trafficking and the smuggling of migrants** (*Rapporteur for opinion: Ms Isabelle Rauch, France, ALDE*): considered and unanimously approved an opinion, including 3 amendments to the draft resolution;
- **Václav Havel Human Rights Prize 2020: call for nominations**: took note of a press release;
- **Tuesday 28 January, from 2.15 to 2.45 pm, holding a joint meeting with the Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence**, as regards:
 - **Impact of the implementation of the Istanbul Convention**: held an exchange of views with Ms Elisabeth Walaas, Chair of the Committee of the Parties to the Istanbul Convention, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of Norway to the Council of Europe;
- **Wednesday 29 January, from 2 to 3.30 pm**, as regards:
 - **Strengthening the fight against so-called “honour” crimes** (*Rapporteur: Ms Béatrice Fresko-Rolfo, Monaco, ALDE*): considered an information memorandum;
 - **Preserving Europe’s linguistic, ethnic, cultural and national diversity** (*Rapporteur: Ms Elvira Kovács, Serbia, EPP/CD*): considered an information memorandum;
 - **Preventing discrimination caused by the use of artificial intelligence** (*Rapporteur: Mr Christophe Lacroix, Belgium, SOC*): considered an information memorandum;
 - **Assembly’s institutional representation to the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI)**: appointed Mr Momodou Malcom Jallow (Sweden, UEL) as representative and Mr Fourat Ben Chikha (Belgium, SOC) as substitute for 2020;
 - **Commission on the Status of Women (CSW 64)** (New York, United States, 9-11 March 2020): took note of the concept notes of the side events:
 - *Violence against Women and Domestic Violence: Measure it to end it* to be organised by the Swiss Federal Office for Gender Equality in cooperation with the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and to be held on 9 March;
 - *Gender equality and foreign policy: parliamentarians lead the change*, to be organised by the Permanent Representation of Albania to the United Nations in cooperation with Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and to be held on 10 March;
 - **Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe**: held an exchange of views with Ms Dunja Mijatović, Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe;
 - **Gender breakdown in Assembly positions in 2019**: heard a statement by the Chairperson;
- **Thursday 30 January, from 8.30 to 10 am**, as regards:
 - **Combatting Afrophobia in Europe** (*Rapporteur: Mr Momodou Malcolm Jallow, Sweden, UEL*): considered an information memorandum and held a hearing with the participation of:
 - Ms Mireille Fanon-Mendes-France, legal expert, Chair of the Frantz Fanon Foundation, Former Chair of the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent, Human Rights Council, UN;
 - Mr Wouter Van Bellingen, Board member, European Network against Racism (ENAR), Brussels;and took note of a written statement provided by Ms Mischa Thompson, Director of Global Partnerships, Policy, and Innovation at Helsinki Commission, Washington DC, USA;
 - **Alleged violations of LGBTI+ rights in the Caucasus region** (*Rapporteur: Mr Christophe Lacroix, Belgium, SOC*): considered an introductory memorandum, decided to change the title of the report to *Alleged violations of the rights of LGBTI people in the South Caucasus region* and authorised the rapporteur to conduct fact-finding visits to Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia (*subject to the availability of funds*);

- **Appointment of rapporteurs:** appointed:
 - Ms Thorhildur Sunna Ævarsdóttir (Iceland, SOC) as rapporteur for report on *The situation of Crimean Tatars*, following the departure from the Assembly of the previous rapporteur, heard from her a declaration of absence of conflict of interests, and decided to submit to the Bureau of the Assembly a request for an extension of the reference until 31 December 2020;
 - Ms Selin Sayek Böke (Turkey, SOC) as rapporteur for report on *Tackling discrimination based on social origins*, and heard from her a declaration of absence of conflict of interests;
 - Mr Killion Munyama (Poland, EPP/CD) as rapporteur for report on *The fight for a level playing field – ending discrimination against women in the world of sport* and heard from him a declaration of absence of conflict of interests;
 - **General Rapporteur on the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) people:** appointed Mr Fourat Ben Chikha (Belgium, SOC) as General Rapporteur and heard from him a declaration of absence of conflict of interests;
 - **Work programme:** decided to ask the Bureau of the Assembly to refer to it for opinion the report on *Discrimination against persons dealing with long-term illness* (Rapporteur of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development: Ms Martine Wonner, France, ALDE);
 - **Composition of Sub-Committees:** approved their composition as set out in appendices 1, 2 and 3;
 - **Council of Europe Campaign: Sexism: See it. Name it. Stop it.:** heard a presentation by Ms Cécile Gréboval, Programme Manager, Gender Equality Division, Directorate General of Democracy of the Council of Europe;
 - **Appointment of representatives:** appointed Ms Eglantina Gjermeni (Albania, SOC) to participate in the 64th Session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) from 9 to 13 March 2020 at the invitation of the European Parliamentary Forum for Sexual & Reproductive Rights (EPF) (*at no cost to the Assembly*);
 - **Reply from the Committee of Ministers:** took note of the reply of the Committee of Ministers to Assembly Recommendation 2157 (2019) on *Towards an ambitious Council of Europe agenda for gender equality*;
 - **Next meetings:** confirmed its next meetings as follows:
 - Paris, 20 March 2020 (Council of Europe Office);
 - Strasbourg, during the 2nd part-session 2020 of the Assembly (20 to 24 April);
 - Paris, 25 May 2020 (Council of Europe Office);
 - Strasbourg, during the 3rd part-session 2020 of the Assembly (22 to 26 June);
 - Paris, 11 September 2020 (Council of Europe Office);
 - Strasbourg, during the 4th part-session 2020 of the Assembly (12 to 16 October);
 - Paris, 27 November 2020 (Council of Europe Office).
- Sub-Committee on Gender Equality and Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence:*
- New York, United States (United Nations), 9 to 11 March 2020.

The Sub-Committee on the Rights of Minorities, meeting in Strasbourg on 28 January from 8.30 to 8.40 am, with Ms Zita Gurmai (Hungary, SOC), oldest member present in the Chair, as regards:

- **Election of the Bureau of the Sub-Committee:** re-elected by acclamation Mr Goran Beus Richembergh (Croatia, ALDE) as Chairperson, and postponed the election of the Vice-Chairperson to its next meeting;
- **Next meeting:** left it to its Chairperson to propose the date and place of the next meeting.

The Sub-Committee on Disability and Multiple and Intersectional Discrimination, meeting in Strasbourg on 28 January from 8.40 to 8.50 am, with Ms Sanja Pavićević (Montenegro, SOC), oldest member present in the Chair, as regards:

- **Election of the Bureau of the Sub-Committee:** elected by acclamation Ms Sanja Pavićević (Montenegro, SOC) as Chairperson, and Mr Nagif Hamzayev (Azerbaijan, NR) as Vice-Chairperson;
- **Next meeting:** left it to its Chairperson to propose the date and place of the next meeting.

The Sub-Committee on Gender Equality, meeting in Strasbourg on 28 January from 8.50 to 9 am, with Ms Sahiba Gafarova (Azerbaijan, EC/DA), oldest member present in the Chair, as regards:

- **Election of the Bureau of the Sub-Committee:** elected by acclamation Ms Elvira Kovács (Serbia, EPP/CD) as Chairperson and Ms Béatrice Fresko-Rolfo (Monaco, ALDE) as Vice-Chairperson;
- **Next meeting:** agreed to hold its next meeting in New York, United States (United Nations), from 9 to 11 March 2020.

The Sub-Committee on Gender Equality, the Sub-Committee on Disability and Multiple and Intersectional Discrimination and the Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence, meeting in Strasbourg on 28 January from 9 to 10 am, as regards:

- **Violence against women with disabilities:** held a hearing with the participation of:
 - Ms Ana Peláez Narváez, Member of the UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), Vice-President of the European Disability Forum and Executive Vice-President of CERMI Women's Foundation;
 - Ms Claire Desaint, Co-President of *Femmes pour le Dire, Femmes pour Agir* (FDFA), Paris ;
 - Dr Sarah Woodin, Senior Research Fellow at the School of Mechanical Engineering, Visiting Fellow at the School of Sociology and Social Policy, University of Leeds.

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Appendix 1

Sub-Committee on Gender Equality / Sous-commission sur l'égalité de genre

List of members / Liste des membres

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Appendix 2

**Sub-Committee on the Rights of Minorities /
Sous-commission sur les droits des minorités**

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Appendix 3

Sub-Committee on Disability, Multiple and Intersectional Discrimination/ Sous-commission sur le handicap, la discrimination multiple et intersectionnelle

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