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

Synopsis of the meeting held by videoconference on 5 June 2020

The Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, meeting by videoconference on 5 June 2020, with Ms Petra Bayr (Austria, SOC), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- Communication from the President of the Parliamentary Assembly: heard a communication from the President of the Parliamentary Assembly, Mr Rik Daems;

- Empowering women: promoting access to contraception in Europe (Rapporteur: Ms Petra Bayr, Austria, SOC): considered and approved an addendum to the report, including 2 amendments;

- Appointment of a rapporteur: appointed Ms Petra Stienen (Netherlands, ALDE) as rapporteur for report on Women’s rights must withstand the COVID-19 crisis (decision of the Bureau) and heard from her a declaration of absence of conflict of interests;

- Upholding human rights in times of crisis and pandemics: the right to equality and non-discrimination: held an exchange of views;

- The gender dimension of foreign policy (Rapporteur: Ms Petra Stienen, Netherlands, ALDE): heard a communication from the rapporteur and considered a preliminary draft report;

- Combatting Afrophobia in Europe (Rapporteur: Mr Momodou Malcolm Jallow, Sweden, UEL): considered an information memorandum;

- Preventing discrimination caused by the use of artificial intelligence (Rapporteur: Mr Christophe Lacroix, Belgium, SOC): heard a communication from the rapporteur, followed by an exchange of views;

- Situation and rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) people in Europe: heard a communication from Mr Fourat Ben Chikha (Belgium, SOC), General Rapporteur on the rights of LGBTI people, followed by an exchange of views;

- Work programme: took note of the committee’s work programme;

- Sub-Committees: approved the following changes in the composition of the sub-committees:
  - Sub-Committee on Gender Equality: Ms Sabina Glasovac (Croatia, SOC) joins the sub-committee as a full member; Ms Maria Elena Boschi (Italy, SOC) joins the sub-committee as a full member;
- **Sub-Committee on the Rights of Minorities:** Ms Josephine Ortleb (Germany, SOC) joins the sub-committee as alternate to Mr Frank Heinrich (instead of Ms Ute Vogt);

- **Other business:** heard a communication by Mr Momodou Malcolm Jallow (Sweden, UEL), General Rapporteur on combating racism and intolerance, on developments related to the anti-racism movements in Europe and the United States;

- **Next meetings:** confirmed its next meetings as follows:
  - 24 June 2020 from 9.30am to 12.30pm, by videoconference;
  - Summer part-session 2020 of the Assembly (dates to be confirmed);
  - Paris, 11 September 2020 (Council of Europe Office);
  - Autumn part-session 2020 of the Assembly (12 to 16 October);
  - Paris, 27 November 2020 (Council of Europe Office).

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