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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;
- **Combating 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;

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- *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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