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

Synopsis of the meeting held by videoconference on 24 June 2020

The Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, meeting by videoconference on 24 June 2020, with Ms Petra Bayr (Austria, SOC), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- **The gender dimension of foreign policy** (*Rapporteur: Ms Petra Stienen, Netherlands, ALDE*): considered and approved a draft report and adopted a draft resolution;
- **Empowering women: promoting access to contraception in Europe** (*Rapporteur: Ms Petra Bayr, Austria, SOC*): took position on 4 amendments tabled to the draft resolution and asked its Chairperson to propose that the amendments unanimously approved be declared as adopted by the Assembly under Rule 34.11 of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure;
- **Women's rights must withstand the COVID-19 crisis** (*Rapporteur: Ms Petra Stienen, Netherlands, ALDE*): considered a preliminary draft report and decided to change the title of the report to *Upholding human rights in times of crisis and pandemics: gender equality and non-discrimination*;
- **Strengthening the fight against so-called "honour" crimes** (*Rapporteur: Ms Béatrice Fresko-Rolfo, Monaco, ALDE*): considered an information memorandum;
- **Gender aspects and human rights implications of pornography** (*Rapporteur: Mr Frank Heinrich, Germany, EPP/CD*): considered an information memorandum;
- **Work programme**: took note of the committee's work programme;
- **Appointment of rapporteurs**: appointed:
 - Ms Margreet De Boer (Netherlands, SOC) as rapporteur for report on *Stopping harassment of women and men speaking out for the right to abort*, and heard from her a declaration of absence of conflict of interests;
 - Ms Yevheniia Kravchuk (Ukraine, ALDE) as rapporteur for report on *Justice and Security for women in peace reconciliation*, and heard from her a declaration of absence of conflict of interests;
 - Ms Eglantina Gjermeni (Albania, SOC) as rapporteur for report on *Enhancing participation of women from vulnerable groups in political and public decision-making*, and heard from her a declaration of absence of conflict of interests;
 - Ms Béatrice Fresko-Rolfo (Monaco, ALDE) as rapporteur for opinion on *Discrimination against persons dealing with long-term illness*, and heard from her a declaration of absence of conflict of interests;

- Ms Petra Bayr (Austria, SOC) as rapporteur for opinion on *Gender representation in the Parliamentary Assembly*, and heard from her a declaration of absence of conflict of interests;
- **Combatting rising hate against LGBTI people in Europe:** considered and adopted a draft motion on this subject, to be tabled in the name of the committee;
- **Sub-Committees:** approved the following changes in the composition of the sub-committees:
 - *Sub-Committee on Gender Equality:* Ms Nigar Arpadarai (Azerbaijan, EC/DA) joins the sub-committee as Full Member and with Ms Konul Nurullayeva (Azerbaijan, NR) as her Alternate;
 - *Sub-Committee on the Rights of Minorities:* Ms Konul Nurullayeva (Azerbaijan, NR) joins the sub-committee as Full Member;
 - *Sub-Committee on Disability, Multiple and Intersectional Discrimination:* Ms Nigar Arpadarai (Azerbaijan, EC/DA) joins the sub-committee as Full Member and with Ms Parvin Karimzada (Azerbaijan, NR) as her Alternate;
- **Appointment of representatives:** appointed Mr Momodou Malcolm Jallow (Sweden, UEL) to participate in the 1st meeting of the Steering Committee on Anti-Discrimination, Diversity and Inclusion (CDADI), 8-10 September 2020, Strasbourg, France (*subject to the availability of funds*);
- **Other business:** heard a communication by Mr Momodou Malcolm Jallow (Sweden, UEL), General Rapporteur on combating racism and intolerance, on the parliamentary webinar entitled *Taking a stand against systemic discrimination and institutional racism in Europe: parliamentary response*, to be held on 1 July 2020;
- **Next meetings:** confirmed its next meetings as follows:
 - Friday 10 July 2020 from 10am to 12.30pm by videoconference;
 - Paris, 11 September 2020 (Council of Europe Office);
 - Strasbourg, during the Autumn part-session 2020 of the Assembly (12 to 16 October);
 - Paris, 27 November 2020 (Council of Europe Office).

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