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

Synopsis of the meeting held by videoconference on 10 July 2020

The Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, meeting by videoconference on 10 July 2020 from 10am - 12.30pm, with Ms Petra Bayr (Austria, SOC), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- Upholding human rights in times of crisis and pandemics: gender equality and non-discrimination (Rapporteur: Ms Petra Stienen, Netherlands, ALDE): considered and approved a draft report; decided to change the title of the report to Upholding human rights in times of crisis and pandemics: gender, equality and non-discrimination and unanimously adopted a draft resolution as amended;

- Preventing discrimination caused by the use of artificial intelligence (Rapporteur: Mr Christophe Lacroix, Belgium, SOC): considered a preliminary draft report;

- Alleged violations of the rights of LGBTI people in the South Caucasus region (Rapporteur: Mr Christophe Lacroix, Belgium, SOC): considered an information memorandum;

- Thematic webinars: took note of the summaries prepared by the Secretariat of the four webinars organised by the Committee from May to July 2020;

- Reporting back: heard a report by Mr Momodou Malcolm Jallow (Sweden, UEL) on his participation in the 82nd plenary meeting of the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI) on 30 June-2 July 2020;

- Discrimination against Roma and Travellers in the field of housing (Rapporteur: Mr František Kopřiva, Czech Republic, ALDE): considered an information memorandum and authorised the rapporteur to conduct fact-findings visits to Bulgaria and Ireland (subject to the availability of funds);

- World Forum for Democracy: appointed the following members to the Ad Hoc Committee of the Bureau of the Assembly to participate in the World Forum for Democracy on 16-18 November 2020, in Strasbourg, France (at no cost to the Assembly): Ms Zita Gurmai (Hungary, SOC) and Ms Selin Sayek Böke (Turkey, SOC);

- Sub-Committees: approved the following changes in the composition of the Sub-Committee on the Rights of Minorities: Mr Virendra Sharma (United Kingdom, SOC) joins the sub-committee as full member with Mr Gagan Mohindra (United Kingdom, EC/DA) as his alternate;
- **Appointment of representatives**: appointed Mr Jean-Pierre Grin (Switzerland, ALDE) to participate in the 2nd meeting of the Committee of Experts on Roma and Traveller Issues (ADI-ROM), on 1-2 October 2020, in Strasbourg, France (*subject to the availability of funds*);

- **Next meetings**: confirmed its next meetings as follows:
  - 11 September 2020 from 9.30am to 4.30pm by videoconference;
  - Strasbourg, during the autumn part-session 2020 of the Assembly (12-16 October);
  - Paris, 27 November 2020 (Council of Europe Office).

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