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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-finding 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;

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- **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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