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

### Synopsis of the meeting held by videoconference on 15 October 2020

**The Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination**, meeting by videoconference on 15 October 2020 from 9.30am to 1 pm, with Ms Petra Bayr (Austria, SOC), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- **The situation of Crimean Tatars** (*Rapporteur: Ms Thorhildur Sunna Ævarsdóttir, Iceland, SOC*): held a hearing with the participation of:
  - Ms Liudmyla Denisova, Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights;
  - Mr Refat Chubarov, Chairman of the Mejlis of the Crimean Tatar People;
  - Mr Nariman Dzhelialov, Head of Information and Analysis Department, Mejlis of the Crimean Tatar People and
  - Ms Tatiana Moskalkova, High Commissioner for Human Rights of the Russian Federation;
- **Preserving Europe's linguistic, ethnic, cultural and national diversity** (*Rapporteur: Ms Elvira Kovács, Serbia, EPP/CD*): considered a preliminary draft report;
- **Strengthening the fight against so-called "honour" crimes** (*Rapporteur: Ms Béatrice Fresko-Rolfo, Monaco, ALDE*): took note of a written communication by the rapporteur following bilateral meetings with Turkish representatives held from 28 to 30 September 2020 by videoconference;
- **The fight for a level playing field – ending discrimination against women in the world of sport** (*Rapporteur: Mr Killian Muniyama, Poland, EPP/CD*): considered an introductory memorandum;
- **Enhancing participation of women from vulnerable groups in political and public decision-making** (*Rapporteur: Ms Eglantina Gjermeni, Albania, SOC*): considered an introductory memorandum;
- **Stopping harassment of women and men speaking out for the right to abort** (*Rapporteur: Ms Margreet De Boer, Netherlands, SOC*): considered an introductory memorandum;
- **Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence**: heard a statement by the General Rapporteur on violence against women and took note of the upcoming activities of the Network;
- **Appointment of rapporteurs**:
  - appointed Mr Fourat Ben Chikha (Belgium, SOC) as rapporteur for report on *Combating rising hate against LGBTI people in Europe* and heard his declaration of absence of conflict of interest;
  - following a vote, appointed Ms Edite Estrela (Portugal, SOC) as rapporteur for report on *Addressing inequalities in access to environmental rights* and heard her declaration of absence of conflict of interest;

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- **Work programme:** authorised Mr Fourat Ben Chikha (Belgium, SOC), in his capacity as rapporteur for report on *Combating rising hate against LGBTI people in Europe*, to carry out a fact-finding visit to Poland (*subject to the availability of funds*);
- **Motions for a resolution:** considered and adopted motions for a resolution on the following subjects, for tabling in the name of the committee:
  - Combating antisemitism in Europe;
  - Raising awareness of and countering Islamophobia in Europe;
  - Closing the digital divide: promoting equal access to digital technologies;
- **Sub-Committees:** approved the following change in the composition of the Sub-Committee on the Rights of Minorities: Ms Sena Nur Çelik (Turkey, NR) joins the sub-committee as a full member (instead of Mr Mehmet Mehdi Eker);
- **General Rapporteur on violence against women:** appointed Ms Zita Gurmai (Hungary, SOC) as General Rapporteur on violence against women, heard her declaration of absence of conflict of interest and approved the updated terms of reference of the General Rapporteur;
- **Appointment of a representative:** appointed Ms Elvira Kovács (Serbia, EPP/CD), to participate in the 18<sup>th</sup> Gender Equality Commission (GEC) meeting on 22-23 October 2020, by videoconference;
- **Reporting back:** heard a statement by Mr Momodou Malcolm Jallow (Sweden, UEL) on his participation in the 83<sup>rd</sup> plenary meeting of the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI) on 30 September-2 October 2020;
- **Next meetings:** confirmed its next meetings as follows:
  - 27 November 2020, from 9.30am to 4.30pm by videoconference;

*Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence:*

- 10 November 2020, from 10am to 12.30pm by videoconference;
- 14 December 2020 from 9.30am to 12 noon by videoconference.

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