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

Synopsis of the meeting held by videoconference on 27 November 2020

The Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, meeting by videoconference on 27 November 2020 from 9.30am to 12.30pm and from 2pm to 5pm, with Ms Petra Bayr (Austria, SOC), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Ethnic profiling in Europe: a matter of high concern** (*Rapporteur: Mr Boriss Cilevičs, Latvia, SOC*): considered and approved a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution; decided to change the title to *Ethnic profiling in Europe: a matter of great concern*, which did not modify the title in French;
- **Preserving Europe's linguistic, ethnic, cultural and national diversity** (*Rapporteur: Ms Elvira Kovács, Serbia, EPP/CD*): considered and approved a draft report and adopted a draft resolution, as amended, and a draft recommendation; decided to change the title to *Preserving national minorities in Europe*;
- **International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women on 25 November 2020**: heard a statement by Ms Zita Gurmai (Hungary, SOC), General Rapporteur on violence against women, held an exchange of views with the members of the committee and approved the proposal of the General Rapporteur to allow national delegations to appoint more than one member from each parliamentary chamber to the Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence;
- **Alleged violations of the rights of LGBTI people in the South Caucasus region** (*Rapporteur: Mr Christophe Lacroix, Belgium, SOC*): considered an information memorandum;
- **Gender aspects and human rights implications of pornography** (*Rapporteur: Mr Frank Heinrich, Germany, EPP/CD*): considered an information memorandum;
- **Enhancing participation of women from vulnerable groups in political and public decision-making** (*Rapporteur: Ms Eglantina Gjermeni, Albania, SOC*): considered an information memorandum and authorised the rapporteur to carry out fact-finding visits to Finland and the Netherlands (*subject to the availability of funds*);
- **International Day of Persons with Disabilities on 3 December 2020**: adopted a draft declaration on behalf of the Committee;

- **Work programme:** decided to ask to the Bureau of the Assembly to refer to it for opinion the report on *Gender mainstreaming of migration policies* (Rapporteur for report of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons: Ms Rósa Björk Brynjólfssdóttir, Iceland, UEL);
- **Appointment of rapporteurs:** after a vote:
 - appointed Ms Liliana Tanguy (France, ALDE) as rapporteur for opinion on *Deinstitutionalisation of persons with disabilities* and heard her declaration of absence of conflict of interest;
 - appointed Mr Pere López (Andorra, SOC) as rapporteur for opinion on *Should politicians be prosecuted for statements made in the exercise of their mandate?* and heard his declaration of absence of conflict of interest;
- **Charter of European Political Parties for a non-racist society:** held a joint hearing with the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy and the No Hate Parliamentary Alliance, with the participation of:
 - Mr Momodou Malcolm Jallow, General Rapporteur on combating racism and intolerance and Coordinator of the No Hate Parliamentary Alliance (moderator);
 - Mr Andreas Nick, First Vice-Chairperson of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy;
 - Ms Samira Rafaela, Member of the European Parliament, Co-president of the Antiracism and Discrimination Intergroup (ARDI);
 - Ms Maria Daniella Marouda, Chair of the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI);
 - Mr Nicolae Esanu, Substitute member of the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission);
- **Combating rising hate against LGBTI people in Europe** (*Rapporteur: Mr Fourat Ben Chikha, Belgium, SOC*): heard a communication by the rapporteur and held a hearing with the participation of:
 - Víctor Madrigal-Borloz, United Nations Independent Expert on sexual orientation and gender identity;
 - Teodora Ion-Rotaru, Executive Director, ACCEPT Association, Romania;
 - Tina Kolos Orbán, Project Manager, Transvanilla Association, Hungary;
 - Miltos Pavlou, Project Manager – Social Research, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA);
- **Addressing inequalities in access to environmental rights** (*Rapporteur: Ms Edite Estrela, Portugal, SOC*): considered an introductory memorandum;
- **Justice and security for women in peace reconciliation** (*Rapporteur: Ms Yevheniia Kravchuk, Ukraine, ALDE*): considered an introductory memorandum;
- **Combating Afrophobia in Europe** (*Rapporteur: Mr Momodou Malcolm Jallow (Sweden, UEL)*): authorised the rapporteur to carry out fact-finding visits to Germany and the United Kingdom (*subject to the availability of funds*);
- **Reporting back:** heard a report by Mr Killion Munyama (Poland, EPP/CD) on the webinar on Violence against women in sport: how to prevent and combat it, held on 10 November 2020, organised by the Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence;
- **Next meetings:** confirmed its next meetings as follows:

Committee

- Strasbourg, during the first part-session 2021 of the Assembly (25 to 29 January 2021) (*format to be confirmed*);
- Paris, 15 March 2021 (Council of Europe Office) (*to be confirmed*);
- Strasbourg, during the second part-session 2021 of the Assembly (19 to 23 April 2021);
- Paris, 18 May 2021 (Council of Europe Office) (*to be confirmed*);
- Strasbourg, during the third part-session 2021 of the Assembly (21 to 25 June 2021);
- Paris, 17 September 2021 (Council of Europe Office) (*to be confirmed*);
- Strasbourg, during the fourth part-session 2021 of the Assembly (27 September to 1 October 2021);
- Paris, 30 November 2021 (Council of Europe Office) (*to be confirmed*).

Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence

- 14 December 2020 from 9.30am to 12pm, by videoconference.

No Hate Parliamentary Alliance

- 7 December 2020 from 10.30am to 11.30am, webinar on *The infiltration of law enforcement and the military by racism and far-right extremism*;
- Stockholm, 5 May 2021 (to be confirmed).

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