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

Synopsis of the meeting held by videoconference on 14 April 2021

The Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, meeting by videoconference on 14 April 2021, from 10am to 12.30pm and from 2pm to 3.30pm, with Ms Petra Bayr (Austria, SOC), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- **The situation of Crimean Tatars** (*Rapporteur: Ms Thorhildur Sunna Ævarsdóttir, Iceland, SOC*): considered and approved a draft report and adopted a draft resolution, as amended;
- **Alleged violations of the rights of LGBTI people in the Southern Caucasus** (*Rapporteur: Mr Christophe Lacroix, Belgium, SOC*): considered an information memorandum;
- **Stopping harassment of women and men speaking out for the right to abort** (*Rapporteur: Ms Margreet De Boer, Netherlands, SOC*): heard a communication by the rapporteur;
- **Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (Istanbul Convention)**: heard a communication by the General Rapporteur on Violence against women and held an exchange of views;
- **Generation Equality Forum 2021, UN Women, Paris, 30 June to 2 July 2021: Towards a generation of women free from violence**: was informed of the event, discussed a proposal for a commitment in the framework of the Coalition on gender-based violence and agreed that the Chair would write to the President of the Assembly, proposing that he present the commitment at the Forum on behalf of the Assembly;
- **Strengthening the fight against so-called “honour” crimes** (*Rapporteur: Ms Béatrice Fresko-Rolfo, Monaco, ALDE*): considered a preliminary draft report and held a joint hearing with the Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence, with Ms Zita Gurmai (Hungary, SOC), Coordinator of the Network, in the Chair, with the participation of:
 - Ms Jasvinder Sanghera, CBE, Founder of Karma Nirvana and Survivor of Honour Abuse, United Kingdom;
 - Ms Rachel Eapen Paul, GREVIO member in respect of Norway;
 - Ms Isabelle Gillette-Faye, member of the High Council on Equality between Women and Men, France, Sociologist, General Director, GAMS (Women's group for the abolition of sexual mutilations, forced marriages and other practices affecting women's and children's health), France;
- **Combating rising hate against LGBTI people in Europe** (*Rapporteur: Mr Fourat Ben Chikha, Belgium, SOC*): authorised the rapporteur to carry-out a fact-finding visit to the Russian Federation, subject to the availability of funds;

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- **World Forum for Democracy: online event on “Environmental rights and climate change in Europe: Hearing the voices of minorities and indigenous peoples”, 29 March 2021:** heard a communication by the Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on the Rights of Minorities;
- **Sub-Committees:** approved the following modifications in their composition:
 - *Sub-Committee on Gender Equality:* Ms Elena-Simona Spătaru (Romania, ALDE) becomes a full member with Mr Marius-Horia Țuțuianu (Romania, SOC) as her alternate;
 - *Sub-Committee on the Rights of Minorities:* Mr Botond Csoma (Romania, NR) becomes the alternate to Mr Viorel-Riceard Badea (Romania, EPP/CD);
 - *Sub-Committee on Disability, Multiple and Intersectional Discrimination:* Mr Botond Csoma (Romania, NR) replaces Mr Iulian Bulai as full member and Mr Corneliu-Mugurel Cozmanciuc (Romania, EPP/CD) becomes his alternate;
- **Appointment of a representative:** appointed Mr Momodou Malcolm Jallow (Sweden, UEL) to participate in a panel discussion on "Tackling Extremism in the Armed Forces" organised by EUROMIL, on 23 April 2021, by videoconference (*at no cost to the Assembly*);
- **Reporting back:** heard a report by Mr Momodou Malcolm Jallow (Sweden, UEL) on his participation in the 85th plenary meeting of the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI) on 30 and 31 March 2021;
- **Next meetings:** confirmed its next meetings as follows:

Committee:

- Strasbourg, during the second part-session 2021 of the Assembly (19 to 23 April 2021);
- 18 May 2021 (*place and format to be confirmed*);
- Strasbourg, during the third part-session 2021 of the Assembly (21 to 25 June 2021);
- 15 September 2021 (*place and format to be confirmed*);
- Strasbourg, during the fourth part-session 2021 of the Assembly (27 September to 1 October 2021);
- 30 November 2021 (*place and format to be confirmed*).

No Hate Parliamentary Alliance:

- Stockholm, 2021, date to be confirmed.

The Sub-Committee on Disability and Multiple and Intersectional Discrimination, meeting by videoconference on 14 April 2021 from 3.30pm to 4.30pm, with Ms Béatrice Fresko-Rolfo (Monaco, ALDE) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Election of the Bureau:** postponed the election of the Vice-Chairperson of the Sub-Committee to a future meeting;
- **Impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on persons with disabilities:** held a hearing with the participation of:
 - Mr Gerard Quinn, UN Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities;
 - Mr Luk Zelderloo, Secretary General, European Association of Service providers for Persons with Disabilities (EASPD);
 - Mr Milan Šveřepa, Director, Inclusion Europe;
 - Mr Soufiane El Amrani, Easy-to-read and Advocacy Officer, Inclusion Europe.

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