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

Synopsis of the meeting held by videoconference on 18 May 2021

The Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, meeting by videoconference on 18 May 2021, from 9.30am to 11:45am and from 2pm to 4.30pm, with Ms Petra Bayr (Austria, SOC), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Combating rising hate against LGBTI people in Europe** (*Rapporteur: Mr Fourat Ben Chikha, Belgium, SOC*): considered an information memorandum and held a hearing with the participation of:
 - Dunja Mijatović, Commissioner for Human Rights, Council of Europe;
 - Emina Bosnjak, Executive Director, Sarajevo Open Centre, Bosnia and Herzegovina;
 - Marsel Tužkan, Consultant, ILGA-Europe, and Melike Balkan, METU Igbti+ solidarity, Turkey;
 - Lui Asquith, Legal, Policy and Operations Director, Mermaids, United Kingdom;
- **Strengthening the fight against so-called “honour” crimes** (*Rapporteur: Ms Béatrice Fresko-Rolfo, Monaco, ALDE*): considered and approved a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution, as amended;
- **Gender representation in the Parliamentary Assembly** (*Rapporteur for opinion: Ms Petra Bayr, Austria, SOC; Rapporteur of the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs: Ms Nicole Trisse, France, ALDE*): heard a communication by the rapporteur for opinion on the joint hearing to be held with the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs on 3 June 2021 and held an exchange of views;
- **Gender mainstreaming of migration policies** (*Rapporteur for opinion: Ms Sena Nur Çelik, Turkey, NR; Rapporteur of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons: Ms Petra Stienen, Netherlands, ALDE*): heard a communication by the rapporteur for opinion on the joint webinar to be held with the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons on 3 June 2021 and held an exchange of views;
- **Raising awareness of and countering Islamophobia in Europe** (*Rapporteur: Mr Momodou Malcolm Jallow, Sweden, UEL*): considered an introductory memorandum and held an exchange of views;
- **Application of the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages of the Council of Europe**: heard a communication by the Chairperson of the Committee and held an exchange of views;

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- **Appointment of a rapporteur for opinion:** appointed Ms Elvira Kovács (Serbia, EPP/CD) as rapporteur for opinion on *Overcoming the socio-economic crisis sparked by the Covid-19 pandemic* (Rapporteur of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development: Mr Andrej Hunko, Germany, UEL), subject to ratification by the Standing Committee on 28 May 2021 and heard her declaration of absence of conflict of interests;
- **Draft motions for a resolution:** adopted motions for a resolution on the following subjects, for tabling in the name of the committee:
 - Promoting inclusive participation in parliamentary and political life;
 - The role of men and boys in stopping gender-based violence;
- **Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (Istanbul Convention):** took note of:
 - the activities organised in the framework of the Convention;
 - the Generation Equality Forum 2021, UN Women, Paris, 30 June to 2 July 2021;
 - the event on the Istanbul Convention to be held during the PACE June session;and held an exchange of views with the participation of:
 - Mr Rik Daems, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe;
 - Ms Nina Nordström, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of Finland to the Council of Europe, President of the Committee of Parties to the Istanbul Convention;
- **Tackling discrimination based on social origins** (*Rapporteur: Ms Selin Sayek Böke, Turkey, SOC*): heard a communication by the rapporteur;
- **Appointment of representatives** (*at no cost to the Assembly*): appointed:
 - Ms Petra Bayr (Austria, SOC) to participate in the meeting of the Committee of the Parties to the Council of Europe Convention against Trafficking in Human Beings, on 4 June 2021 by videoconference;
 - Ms Elvira Kovács (Serbia, EPP/CD) to participate in the High-Level Conference on *Council of Europe norms and standards on national minority rights: Results and challenges*, organised in the framework of the Hungarian Presidency of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, on 29 June 2021 in Strasbourg and by videoconference;and authorised the Chairperson to appoint a representative to participate in the 3rd plenary meeting of the Steering Committee on Anti-Discrimination, Diversity and Inclusion (CDADI) on 15-17 June 2021, by videoconference;
- **Reporting back:** heard a report by Ms Petra Bayr (Austria, SOC) on her participation in a Round Table with NGOs on the Istanbul Convention entitled *Upholding the Convention: Next Steps*, organised by the President of the Council of Europe Conference of INGOs in Strasbourg on 23 April 2021;
- **Other business:** took note of the extension of the deadline until 30 June 2021 for the call for nominations to the Václav Havel Human Rights Prize 2021;
- **Next meetings:** confirmed its next meetings as follows:
 - *Committee*
 - 17 June 2021 from 10am to 12.30pm, by videoconference;
 - Strasbourg, during the third part-session 2021 of the Assembly (21 to 25 June 2021);
 - 15 September 2021 (in Strasbourg and by videoconference);
 - 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).

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