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

Synopsis of the meeting held in a hybrid manner from 21 to 23 June 2021

The Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, meeting in a hybrid manner, in Strasbourg and by videoconference, from 21 to 23 June 2021:

- **Monday 21 June, from 3 to 3.30pm**, with Ms Petra Bayr (Austria, SOC), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:
 - **Combating rising hate against LGBTI persons in Europe** (*Rapporteur: Mr Fourat Ben Chikha, Belgium, SOC*): approved the declassification of the minutes of the hearing held by the committee on 18 May 2021 by videoconference;
 - **Appointment of a rapporteur**: appointed Ms Petra Stienen (Netherlands, ALDE) as rapporteur for report on *Sexual and reproductive health and rights*, and heard her declaration of absence of conflict of interests;
 - **World Forum for Democracy (Strasbourg, 8 to 10 November 2021)**: appointed Ms Edite Estrela (Portugal, SOC), Mr Jean-Pierre Grin (Switzerland, ALDE) and Ms Selin Sayek Böke (Turkey, SOC) as members of the Ad hoc Committee of the Bureau to participate in the World Forum for Democracy (*at no cost to the Assembly*);
 - **Reporting back**: heard reports from Mr Momodou Malcolm Jallow (Sweden, UEL) for his participation in the panel discussion entitled *Tackling Extremism in the Armed Forces*, organised by EUROMIL on 23 April 2021 and in the fifth World Jewish Congress (WJC) International Meeting of Special Envoys & Coordinators Combating Antisemitism, held in the framework of the 16th WJC Plenary Assembly on 4 May 2021;
- **Wednesday 23 June, from 2 to 3.30pm**, with Ms Petra Bayr (Austria, SOC), Chairperson, then with Ms Petra Stienen (Netherlands, ALDE), First Vice-Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:
 - **Enhancing participation of women from under-represented groups in political and public decision-making** (*Rapporteur: Ms Eglantina Gjermeni, Albania, SOC*): was informed that an oral amendment would be submitted to the draft resolution in plenary;
 - **The situation of Crimean Tatars** (*Rapporteur: Ms Thorhildur Sunna Ævarsdóttir, Iceland, SOC*): took position on the 11 amendments tabled to the draft resolution and asked its Chairperson to propose that the amendments unanimously approved be declared as adopted by the Assembly under Rule 34.11 of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure;

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- **Combating Afrophobia, or anti-Black racism, in Europe** (*Rapporteur: Mr Momodou Malcolm Jallow, Sweden, UEL*): took position on the 3 amendments tabled to the draft resolution and asked its Chairperson to propose that the amendments unanimously approved be declared as adopted by the Assembly under Rule 34.11 of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure;
- **Combating inequalities in the right to a safe, healthy and clean environment** (*Rapporteur: Ms Edite Estrela, Portugal, SOC*): considered a draft report and adopted unanimously a draft resolution;
- **Combating rising hate against LGBTI people in Europe** (*Rapporteur: Mr Fourat Ben Chikha, Belgium, SOC*): considered a draft report and accepted the proposal of the rapporteur to ask the Bureau of the Assembly that Ms Helena Dalli, European Commissioner for Equality, be invited for the debate on his report;
- **Next meetings**: confirmed its next meetings as follows:

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- 15 September 2021 (in Strasbourg and by videoconference);
- Strasbourg, during the fourth part-session 2021 of the Assembly (27 September to 1 October 2021);
- Vienna, 29 November 2021 (subject to the authorisation by the Bureau of the Assembly and the availability of funds) or Strasbourg, 30 November 2021 (tbc).

No Hate Parliamentary Alliance

- Stockholm, 2021, date to be confirmed.

The Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence, meeting in a hybrid manner, in Strasbourg and by videoconference, on 21 June 2021 from 2 to 3pm, with Ms Zita Gurmai (Hungary, SOC), Coordinator of the Network, in the Chair, as regards:

- **The Istanbul Convention, a powerful tool for protection against violence**: held a hearing ahead of the high-level panel and free debate during the plenary session on Wednesday 23 June 2021, with the participation of:
 - Mr Bjørn Berge, Deputy Secretary General, Council of Europe;
 - Ms Marcella Pirrone, President, Women Against Violence Europe;
 - Ms Hillary Margolis, Senior Researcher, Women's Rights Division, Human Rights Watch;
 - Ms Ana Sofia Fernandes, President, Portuguese Platform for Women's Rights;
- **Next meeting**: left it to its Coordinator to propose the date and place of the next meeting.

The Sub-Committee on the Rights of Minorities, meeting in a hybrid manner, in Strasbourg and by videoconference, on 22 June 2021 from 2 to 2.45pm, with Mr František Kopřiva (Czech Republic, ALDE), in the Chair, as regards:

- **Election of the Bureau of the Sub-Committee**: postponed the election of the Vice-Chairperson to its next meeting;
- **Application of the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages of the Council of Europe**: held an exchange of views with the participation of:
 - Mr Jeroen Schokkenbroek, Director of Anti-discrimination, Directorate-General of Democracy, Council of Europe;
 - Ms Vesna Crnić-Grotić, Chair, Committee of Experts, European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages;
- **Next meeting**: left it to its Chairperson to propose the date and place of the next meeting.

The Sub-Committee on Gender Equality, meeting in a hybrid manner, in Strasbourg and by videoconference, on 22 June 2021 from 2.45 to 3.30pm, with Ms Eglantina Gjermeni (Albania, SOC), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Covid-19 pandemic responses and gender equality: good practices in recovery measures**: held an exchange of views with Ms Constanza Tabbush, Research Specialist, UN Women;
- **Next meeting**: in the light of the forthcoming departure of its Chairperson from the Assembly, left it to its Vice-Chairperson to propose the date and place of the next meeting.

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