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

Synopsis of the meeting held in a hybrid manner on 28 September 2021

The Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, meeting on 28 September 2021 from 8.30am to 10am, in Strasbourg and by videoconference, with Ms Petra Bayr (Austria, SOC), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Gender aspects and human rights implications of pornography** (*Rapporteur: Mr Frank Heinrich, Germany, EPP/CD*): approved a revised draft report and adopted a draft resolution;
- **Alleged violations of the rights of LGBTI people in the Southern Caucasus** (*Rapporteur: Mr Christophe Lacroix, Belgium, SOC*): considered a preliminary draft report;
- **Combating antisemitism in Europe** (*Rapporteur: Ms Petra Bayr, Austria, SOC*): took note of a draft questionnaire to be transmitted to the ECPRD;
- **Justice and security for women in peace reconciliation** (*Rapporteur: Ms Yevheniia Kravchuk, Ukraine, ALDE*): heard a communication from the rapporteur and authorised her to carry out fact-finding visits to the Netherlands and Albania (*subject to the availability of funds*);
- **Protecting the rights of Afghan women and girls**: held an exchange of views;
- **Appointment of a rapporteurs**: appointed:
 - Ms Petra Stienen (Netherlands, ALDE) rapporteur for report on *The role of men and boys in stopping gender-based violence*;
 - Ms Maryna Bardina (Ukraine, ALDE) rapporteur for report on *Promoting inclusive participation in parliamentary and political life*;
 - Mr Momodou Malcolm Jallow (Sweden, UEL) rapporteur for report on *The role of political parties in fostering diversity and inclusion: a new Charter for a non-racist society*;
 - Ms Elvira Kovács (Serbia, EPP/CD) rapporteur for report on *The ongoing worsening of the access of Ukraine's national minorities to education in their mother tongues: need for a follow-up to Parliamentary Assembly Resolution 2189 (2017) and Violation of the rights of national minorities in Ukraine*, for a single report;

and heard their declarations of absence of conflict of interests;

- **Motion for a resolution**: adopted a motion for a resolution on *The Istanbul Convention: progress and challenges* for tabling in the name of the Committee;

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- **Next meetings:** confirmed its next meetings as follows:

Committee

- 30 November 2021, in Strasbourg and by videoconference.

No Hate Parliamentary Alliance

- 25 October 2021, in Paris and by videoconference.

The Sub-Committee on Disability and Multiple and Intersectional Discrimination, meeting on 27 September 2021 from 2 to 3.30pm, in a hybrid manner, in Strasbourg and by videoconference, with Ms Béatrice Fresko-Rolfo (Monaco, ALDE), in the Chair, as regards:

- **The Paralympic Games: what contribution to ending stereotypes and discrimination against persons with disabilities?:** held a hearing with the participation of:
 - Mr Andrew Parsons, President of the International Paralympic Committee;
 - Ms Elda Moreno, Head of the Children's Rights and Sport Values Department, Directorate General of Democracy, Council of Europe;
 - Mr Etienne Petitmengin, Rapporteur of the French National Consultative Commission on Human Rights on the report - available in French only - on "Knowing, defining, raising awareness and combating stereotypes and prejudices against persons with disabilities" (« *Connaître, définir, sensibiliser et combattre les stéréotypes et les préjugés à l'égard des personnes handicapées* »); expert to the French National Authority for Health;
 - Ms Marie-Amélie Le Fur, President of the French Paralympic and Sports Committee, athlete, paralympic medalist;
- **Next meeting:** left it to its Chairperson to propose the date and place of the next meeting.

The No Hate Parliamentary Alliance, meeting on 28 September 2021 from 2 to 3.30pm, in a hybrid manner, in Strasbourg and by videoconference, with Mr Momodou Malcolm Jallow (Sweden, UEL), Coordinator of the Alliance, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Activities of the No Hate Parliamentary Alliance:** heard a communication by Mr Momodou Malcolm Jallow (Sweden, UEL), General Rapporteur on combating racism and intolerance;
- **Handbook for parliamentarians on countering hate speech:** held an exchange of views with Ms Chara Bakalis, Principal Lecturer in Law, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Oxford Brookes University;
- **Countering Islamophobia in Europe:** held a hearing with the participation of:
 - Ms Julie Pascoet, Policy Officer, European Network Against Racism (ENAR);
 - Mr Tufyal Choudhury, Associate Professor, Durham University;
 - Ms Dunia Khalil, Dokustelle, Vienna.
- **Next meeting:** 25 October 2021, in Paris and by videoconference.

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