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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 30 November 2021

The Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, meeting on 30 November 2021 from 10am to 12.30pm and from 2pm to 4.30pm in Strasbourg and by videoconference, with Ms Petra Bayr (Austria, SOC), Chairperson, in the Chair as regards:

- **Alleged violations of the rights of LGBTI people in the Southern Caucasus** (*Rapporteur: Mr Christophe Lacroix, Belgium, SOC*): considered and approved a draft report and adopted a draft resolution;
- **International Day of Persons with Disabilities, 3 December 2021**: unanimously adopted a declaration on behalf of the Committee;
- **Appointment of a rapporteur**: appointed Ms Edite Estrela (Portugal, SOC) rapporteur for report on *The fight for a level playing field – ending discrimination against women in the world of sport*, and heard her declaration of absence of conflict of interests;
- **Combating rising hate against LGBTI people in Europe** (*Rapporteur: Mr Fourat Ben Chikha, Belgium, SOC*): heard a statement by the Rapporteur and took note that an addendum to the report would be presented to the Committee for adoption in January 2022;
- **Raising awareness of and countering Islamophobia in Europe** (*Rapporteur: Mr Momodou Malcolm Jallow, Sweden, UEL*): heard a statement by the rapporteur and authorised him to carry-out fact-finding visits to France and the United Kingdom (*subject to the availability of funds*);
- **Stopping harassment of women and men speaking out for the right to abort** (*Rapporteur: Ms Margreet De Boer, Netherlands, SOC*): considered a preliminary draft report;
- **Finding solutions for marital captivity** (*Rapporteur: Ms Margreet De Boer, Netherlands, SOC*): considered an introductory memorandum and authorised the rapporteur to carry-out a fact-finding visit to the Netherlands (*subject to the availability of funds*);
- **Appointment of a representative**: appointed Mr Fourat Ben Chikha (Belgium, SOC) to participate in the event *“Building Bridges” – Advancing Human Rights of Polish citizens, irrespective of sexual orientation, gender identity or expression and sex characteristics*, organised by the Sexual Orientation Gender Identity (SOGI) Unit of the Council of Europe, in Warsaw and by videoconference on 10 December 2021;

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- **Reporting back:** heard reports by:
 - Ms Liliana Tanguy (France, ALDE), member of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Bureau of the Assembly for her participation in the World Forum Democracy, in Strasbourg from 8 to 10 November 2021, dedicated to the theme "Can Democracy Save the Environment?";
 - Ms Petra Bayr (Austria, SOC) for her participation in the 3rd Moscow International Conference "Protecting the Future" on combating Xenophobia, Antisemitism, and Racism, organised by the Russian Jewish Congress, on 22 November 2021;
- **Reply by the Committee of Ministers:** took note of the reply of the Committee of Ministers to Assembly Recommendation 2183 (2020) on *Preventing discrimination caused by the use of artificial intelligence*;
- **International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, 25 November 2021:** took note of the statement of the General Rapporteur on violence against women and of the activities of the Committee, the Parliamentary Network Women free from Violence and national parliaments;
- **Tackling discrimination based on social origins** (*Rapporteur: Ms Selin Sayek Böke, Turkey, SOC*): held a hearing with the participation of:
 - Professor Sam Friedman, Professor of Sociology, London School of Economics;
 - Ms Milla Vidina, Policy Officer, Equinet (European Network of Equality Bodies);
- **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** (*Rapporteur: Ms Elvira Kovács, Serbia, EPP/CD*): heard a statement by the rapporteur, authorised her to carry-out a fact-finding visit to Ukraine (*subject to the availability of funds*) and decided to change the title of the report to *The situation of national minorities in Ukraine*;
- **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*): unanimously adopted an opinion, including 10 amendments to the draft resolution;
- **Sexual and reproductive health and rights** (*Rapporteur: Ms Petra Stienen, Netherlands, ALDE*): considered an introductory memorandum;
- **Promoting inclusive participation in parliamentary and political life** (*Rapporteur: Ms Maryna Bardina, Ukraine, ALDE*): considered an introductory memorandum and approved a questionnaire to be sent to the ECPRD;
- **The role of men and boys in stopping gender-based violence** (*Rapporteur: Ms Petra Stienen, Netherlands, ALDE*): considered an introductory memorandum;
- **Other business:** showed the video made by the Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence to mark the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women on *What men and boys can do to fight sexism*;
- **Next meetings:** confirmed its next meetings as follows:

Committee

- Strasbourg, during the first part-session 2022 of the Assembly (24 to 28 January 2022);
- 21 March 2022 (*place and format to be confirmed*);
- Strasbourg, during the second part-session 2022 of the Assembly (25 to 29 April 2022);
- 12 May 2022 (*place and format to be confirmed*);
- Strasbourg, during the third part-session 2022 of the Assembly (20 to 24 June 2022);
- 16 September 2022 (*place and format to be confirmed*);
- Strasbourg, during the fourth part-session 2022 of the Assembly (10 to 14 October 2022);
- 1 December 2022 (*place and format to be confirmed*).

Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence

- 13 December 2021, by videoconference.

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