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

Synopsis of the meeting held in Stockholm on 12 May 2022

The Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, meeting in Stockholm, on 12 May 2022, with Ms Annicka Engblom (Sweden, EPP/CD), Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:

- **Women in peace and reconciliation:** held a hearing with the participation of:
 - Ms Matilda Lidström-Dougnac, Senior Gender Advisor, Swedish armed forces;
 - Ms Gabriela Elroy, Head of the Gender Equality Unit, Folke Bernadotte Academy – Swedish Agency for peace, security and development;
 - Ms Birgitta Holst Alani, Swedish Women's Mediation Network;
- **The role of political parties in fostering diversity and inclusion: a new Charter for a non-racist society** (*Rapporteur: Mr Momodou Malcolm Jallow, Sweden, UEL*): considered and approved a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution;
- **Combating antisemitism in Europe** (*Rapporteur: Ms Petra Bayr, Austria, SOC*): decided to change the title of the report to *Preventing and combating antisemitism in Europe*; considered and approved a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution;
- **Finding solutions for marital captivity** (*Rapporteur: Ms Margreet De Boer, Netherlands, SOC*): considered an information memorandum and took note that a webinar on this subject would be held by the Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence on 1 July 2022;
- **International Day against Homophobia, Biphobia, Interphobia and Transphobia, 17 May 2022:** considered and unanimously adopted a draft declaration; held a discussion on the Parliamentary Platform for the rights of LGBTI people to be officially launched during the June part-session 2022;
- **Parliaments promoting the Istanbul Convention:** heard a presentation by Ms Tarja Filatov (Finland, SOC) of the Finnish and Swedish versions of the revised Handbook for parliamentarians on the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence: *The Istanbul Convention – a powerful tool to end gender-based violence*, and held an exchange of views;
- **Reply by the Committee of Ministers:** considered the reply of the Committee of Ministers to Assembly Recommendation 2198 (2021) *Preserving national minorities in Europe*;
- **National minorities in Europe:** held an exchange of views with Ambassador Kairat Abdrakhmanov, OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities;

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- **Raising awareness of and countering Islamophobia in Europe** (*Rapporteur: Mr Momodou Malcolm Jallow, Sweden, UEL*): considered an information memorandum and held a hearing with the participation of:
 - Ms Anna-Sara Lind, member of the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI) in respect of Sweden;
 - Mr Mattias Gardell, Distinguished Professor of Comparative Religion, Centre for Multidisciplinary Studies on Racism, Uppsala University;
 - Mr Kitimbwa Sabuni, Spokesperson of the National Association of Afro-Swedes (ASR) and the Muslim Human Rights Committee (MMRK);
- **Work programme**: took note of the work programme;
- **Appointment of a rapporteur**: appointed Ms Petra Bayr (Austria, SOC), rapporteur for report on *Sexual violence and conflict*, and heard from her a declaration of absence of conflict of interests;
- **Motion for a resolution**: adopted a motion for a resolution on *Preventing and combating violence against women with disabilities* for tabling in the name of the Committee;
- **Václav Havel Human Rights Prize 2022**: took note of the extension of the deadline until 30 June 2022 for the call for nominations;
- **Next meetings**: confirmed its next meetings as follows:
 - Strasbourg, during the third part-session 2022 of the Assembly (20 to 24 June 2022);
 - Paris, 16 September 2022;
 - Strasbourg, during the fourth part-session 2022 of the Assembly (10 to 14 October 2022);
 - Paris, 1 December 2022.

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