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

Synopsis of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 20-22 June 2022

The Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, meeting in Strasbourg on 20-22 June 2022,

- **Monday 20 June, from 2 to 3pm**, with Mr Fourat Ben Chikha (Belgium, SOC), 3rd Vice-Chairperson, in the Chair, as regards:
 - **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*): took position on one amendment to the draft resolution and asked its Chairperson to propose that the amendment unanimously approved be declared as adopted by the Assembly under Rule 34.11 of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure;
 - **Raising awareness of and countering Islamophobia in Europe** (*Rapporteur: Mr Momodou Malcolm Jallow, Sweden, UEL*): considered a preliminary draft report;
 - **Promoting inclusive participation in parliamentary and political life** (*Rapporteur: Ms Maryna Bardina, Ukraine, ALDE*): considered an information memorandum;
 - **Launch of the Parliamentary Platform for the rights of LGBTI people in Europe**: heard a communication by the General Rapporteur on the rights of LGBTI people, Christophe Lacroix (Belgium, SOC) on the launch event held on 20 June 2022;
 - **Closing the digital divide: promoting equal access to digital technologies** (*Rapporteur: Ms Edite Estrela, Portugal, SOC*): heard a communication by the Rapporteur;
- **Tuesday 21 June, from 2 to 3.30pm**, with Mr Momodou Malcolm Jallow (Sweden, UEL), 2nd Vice-Chairperson, in the Chair as regards:
 - **Raising awareness of and countering Islamophobia in Europe** (*Rapporteur: Mr Momodou Malcolm Jallow, Sweden, UEL*): decided to change the title of the report as follows: *Raising awareness of and countering Islamophobia, or anti-Muslim racism, in Europe*;
 - **Preventing and combating antisemitism in Europe** (*Rapporteur: Ms Petra Bayr, Austria, SOC*): took position on one amendment to the draft resolution;
 - **Work programme**: took note of the work programme;
 - **Appointment of a rapporteur**: appointed Ms Béatrice Fresko-Rolfo (Monaco, ALDE) as rapporteur for report on *Preventing and combating violence against women with disabilities*, subject to hearing from her a declaration of absence of conflict of interest at the next meeting;

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- **Motions for a resolution:** adopted the following motions for a resolution for tabling in the name of the Committee:
 - *Preventing and combating violence and discrimination against LBQ women in Europe;*
 - *Institutional racism of law enforcement authorities against Roma and Travellers;*
 - *Women in the economy: employment, entrepreneurship and gender budgeting;*
- **World Forum for Democracy (Strasbourg, 7-9 November 2022):** appointed Mr Jean-Pierre Grin (Switzerland, ALDE) and Ms Zita Gurmai (Hungary, SOC) as members to the Ad Hoc Committee of the Bureau of the Assembly to participate in the World Forum for Democracy (*at no cost to the Assembly*);
- **The Istanbul Convention: progress and challenges** (*Rapporteur: Ms Zita Gurmai, Hungary, SOC*): heard a communication by the rapporteur on her fact-finding visit to Türkiye on 6-7 June 2022;
- **The fight for a level playing field – ending discrimination against women in the world of sport** (*Rapporteur: Ms Edite Estrela, Portugal, SOC*): considered an information memorandum and held a hearing with the participation of:
 - Ms Irena Guidikova, Head of the Department Children's Rights and Sport Values, Directorate General of Democracy of the Council of Europe (DGII);
 - Ms Sarah Townsend, Co-President, European Gay & Lesbian Sport Federation (EGLSF);
 - Ms Nagin Ravand, Football coach, ambassador of the Danish Football Federation, sports and social inclusion activist;
- **Wednesday 22 June, from 2 to 3.30pm,** with Mr Fourat Ben Chikha (Belgium, SOC), 3rd Vice-Chairperson, in the Chair as regards:
 - **Justice and security for women in peace reconciliation** (*Rapporteur: Ms Yevheniia Kravchuk, Ukraine, ALDE*): took position on 5 amendments to the draft resolution, approved an oral amendment, 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;
 - **Finding solutions for marital captivity** (*Rapporteur: Ms Margreet De Boer, Netherlands, SOC*): heard a communication by the rapporteur;
 - **Sexual violence and conflict** (*Rapporteur: Ms Petra Bayr, Austria, SOC*): considered an introductory memorandum;
 - **Sexual and reproductive health and rights** (*Rapporteur: Ms Petra Stienen, Netherlands, ALDE*): considered an information memorandum and authorised the rapporteur to conduct a fact-finding visit to Spain (*subject to the availability of funds*);
 - **The role of men and boys in stopping gender-based violence** (*Rapporteur: Ms Petra Stienen, ALDE, Netherlands*): authorised the rapporteur to conduct a fact-finding visit to Spain (*subject to the availability of funds*);
 - **Developing mechanisms and concrete means to detect crimes of sexual violence of armed conflict and support the rehabilitation of survivors:** held a joint hearing with the Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence, with the participation of:
 - Ms Dunja Mijatović, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights;
 - Ms Kateryna Pavlichenko, Deputy Minister of Interior of Ukraine (*online*);
 - Ms Adrijana Hanušić Bećirović, Senior Legal Adviser, TRIAL International, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina;
 - **Next meetings:** confirmed its next meetings as follows:
 - 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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