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

Synopsis of the meeting held in Strasbourg on 10-13 October 2022

The Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, meeting in Strasbourg from 10 to 13 October 2022, with Ms Annika Engblom (Sweden, EPP/CD), Chairperson, in the Chair:

- **Monday 10 October, from 2 to 3pm**, as regards:
 - **Appointment of a representative:** appointed Ms Yevheniia Kravchuk (Ukraine, ALDE) to participate in the first edition of the Women, Peace and Security Forum, in Pristina, Republic of Kosovo,* on 22-23 October 2022 (*subject to the availability of funds*);
 - **Sexual and reproductive health and rights** (*Rapporteur: Ms Petra Stienen, Netherlands, ALDE*): held a hearing with the participation of:
 - Ms Alice Rawsthorn OBE, Design critic, author and co-founder of Design Emergency, London;
 - Ms Jimena Acosta, independent curator, editor at Toronja Ediciones, Mexico City (*online*);
- **Tuesday, 11 October, from 8.30am to 10am**, as regards:
 - **Raising awareness of and countering Islamophobia, or anti-Muslim racism, in Europe** (*Rapporteur: Mr Momodou Malcolm Jallow, Sweden, UEL*): took position on an 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;
 - **Work programme:** took note of the work programme;
 - **Motion for a resolution:** adopted a motion for a resolution on *Protecting women human rights defenders in Europe* for tabling in the name of the Committee;
 - **Appointment of representatives** (*subject to the availability of funds*):
 - appointed Ms Thórhildur Sunna Ævarsdóttir (Iceland, SOC) to participate in the 19th European Conference of Electoral Management Bodies, in Strasbourg on 14-15 November 2022;
 - left it to the Chairperson to appoint a representative to participate in the 22nd Gender Equality Commission (GEC) meeting, in Strasbourg on 16-18 November 2022;

* All reference to Kosovo, whether to the territory, institutions or population shall be understood in full compliance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 and without prejudice to the status of Kosovo.

- appointed Ms Zita Gurmai (Hungary, SOC) to participate in the meeting of the Committee of the Parties to the Istanbul Convention, in Strasbourg, in December 2022 (*date to be confirmed*);
 - **The Istanbul Convention: progress and challenges** (*Rapporteur: Ms Zita Gurmai, Hungary, SOC*): held a hearing with the participation of:
 - Mr Tiny Kox, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe;
 - Ms Iris Luarasi, President of the Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (GREVIO);
 - Ambassador Marie Fontanel, Chair of the Committee of the Parties on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (Istanbul Convention), Permanent Representative of France to the Council of Europe;
 - **Denial of women's freedoms and repression of women's rights protests in Iran - urgent political action is needed:** considered and unanimously adopted a declaration;
 - **Thursday, 13 October, from 2 to 2.30pm**, as regards:
 - **Finding solutions for marital captivity** (*Rapporteur: Ms Margreet De Boer, Netherlands, SOC*): decided to change the French title of the report; considered and approved a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution;
 - **Motion for a resolution on *Institutional racism of law enforcement authorities against Roma and Travellers***: took note of the letter received from members of the Czech delegation and of the opinion of the Czech Ministry of the Interior, as well as of the reply of the Chairperson of the Committee;
 - **Appointment of rapporteurs:** appointed:
 - Ms Béatrice Fresko-Rolfo (Monaco, ALDE) as rapporteur for report on *Preventing and combating violence and discrimination against LBQ women in Europe*;
 - Ms Sena Nur Çelik (Türkiye, NR) as rapporteur for report on *Women in the economy: employment, entrepreneurship and gender budgeting*;
- and heard their declarations of absence of conflict of interest;
- **International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women 2022 and 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence (25 November to 10 December)**: took note of information on the Standing Committee meeting of 25 November and on the social media campaign to be launched over the 16 days of activism by the Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence;
 - **Next meetings:** confirmed its next meetings as follows:
 - Paris, 1 December 2022 (Council of Europe office);
 - Strasbourg, during the first part-session 2023 of the Assembly (23-27 January);
 - Paris, 21 March 2023 (Council of Europe office) (*to be confirmed*);
 - Strasbourg, during the second part-session 2023 of the Assembly (24-28 April);
 - Paris, 16 May 2023 (Council of Europe office) (*to be confirmed*);
 - Strasbourg, during the third part-session 2023 of the Assembly (19-23 June);
 - Paris, 15 September 2023 (Council of Europe office) (*to be confirmed*);
 - Strasbourg, during the fourth part-session 2023 of the Assembly (9-13 October);
 - Paris, 7 December 2023 (Council of Europe office) (*to be confirmed*).

The Sub-Committee on Disability and Multiple and Intersectional Discrimination and The Parliamentary Network Women Free from Violence, meeting jointly in Strasbourg on Tuesday, 11 October 2022 from 2 to 3.30pm, with Mr Anastasios Chatzivasileiou (Greece, EPP/CD) in the Chair, as regards:

- **Preventing and combating violence against women with disabilities:** held a hearing with the participation of:
 - Ms Reem Alsalem, United Nations Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences (*pre-recorded video*);
 - Ms Helen Portal, Advocacy and Policy Officer, Inclusion Europe;
 - Ms Elisa Rojas, lawyer, Paris (*online*);
 - Ms Claire Desaint, Vice-President, "Women to speak, women to act" Association [*Femmes pour le dire, Femmes pour agir*].

The Parliamentary Platform for the rights of LGBTI people in Europe, meeting in Strasbourg on Thursday 13 October 2022, from 9 to 10am, with Mr Christophe Lacroix (Belgium, SOC), in the Chair, as regards:

- **The threatened ban of EuroPride events in Belgrade: an attack on equality, democracy and human rights:** held a hearing with the participation of Mr Filip Lukić, Head of Communication, EuroPride 2022.

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