



FOR THE ATTENTION OF MEMBERS OF THE SOCIAL, HEALTH AND FAMILY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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The Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee, meeting in Strasbourg on Monday, 11 April 2011, with Ms Maury Pasquier (Switzerland, SOC), in the Chair:

As regards:

- *Over-indebtedness of States: a danger for democracy and human rights* (Rapporteur for opinion: Mr Hunko, Germany, UEL): considered and adopted an opinion to the report of the Committee on Economic Affairs and Development, including 6 amendments, and decided to suggest a new report be prepared by it for the Assembly on the question of “austerity measures – a danger for democracy and social rights”;
- *Combating poverty* (Rapporteur: Mr Volontè, Italy, EPP/CD): considered and unanimously approved 5 amendments proposed by the rapporteur;
- *Living wills and the protection of health and human rights* (Rapporteur: Mr Xuclà i Costa, Spain, ALDE) : considered an outline report and prepared a hearing to be held in Paris on 19 May 2011 in the afternoon;
- *Health hazards of heavy metals* (Rapporteur: Mr Huss, Luxembourg, SOC): considered a draft report and unanimously adopted a draft resolution;

Resuming its meeting on Tuesday, 12 April 2011, with Ms Maury Pasquier (Switzerland, SOC) in the Chair:

- *Combating poverty* (Rapporteur: Mr Volontè, Italy, EPP/CD): took position on 21 written amendments, 1 oral amendment and 3 sub-amendments;
- *Reform of the Parliamentary Assembly*: considered and unanimously adopted an opinion for transmission to the Ad Hoc Committee of the Assembly on the subject;

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Secretaries of National Delegations to the Assembly
Secretaries of Political Groups of the Assembly
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Secretary General of the Congress
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Director of the Private Office of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe
Director of the Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights
Director of Communication
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- *Committee's work programme:*
 - ✓ appointed Ms Circene (Latvia, EPP/CD) rapporteur for one report on "Health-care rationing: a threat to equal access to health" and "Guaranteed access to health care for migrants/foreign nationals";
 - ✓ heard a statement by Mr Marquet (Monaco, ALDE) who took part in the Seminar – Conference 2011: "Shared social responsibility: securing trust and sustainable social cohesion in a context of transition", Brussels, European commission, 28 February – 1st March 2011;
 - ✓ considered the reply of the Committee of Ministers to the Recommendation on "Guaranteeing the right to education for children with illnesses or disabilities";

Resuming its meeting on Wednesday, 13 April 2011, with Ms Maury Pasquier (Switzerland, SOC) in the Chair:

- *2nd meeting of the Network of Contact Parliamentarians to stop sexual violence against children:* heard a statement by Mr Agustín Conde Bajén (Spain, EPP/CD), Rapporteur on "Combating child pornography as part of the campaign to stop sexual violence against children", and by Mr John Carr, Senior expert adviser to the International Telecommunication Union, Child Online Protection Initiative (United Kingdom) on "Fighting child pornography on the Internet", and held an exchange of views;
- *Safeguarding children and young people from obesity and type 2 diabetes* (Rapporteur: Mr Hancock, United Kingdom, ALDE): considered and unanimously adopted 3 amendments;

Resuming its meeting on Thursday, 14 April 2011, with Ms Maury Pasquier (Switzerland, SOC) in the Chair:

- *The role of parliaments in the consolidation and development of social rights in Europe* (Rapporteur: Ms Ohlsson, Sweden, SOC): considered an outline report;
- *Council of Europe campaign to stop sexual violence against children:* heard a statement by the Chairperson and decided to suggest that Ms Najat M'jid Maalla, UN Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography, be invited to intervene as a high-level speaker in the relevant debate (scheduled for the October 2011 part-session);
- *Decent pensions for all following the economic and financial crisis* (Rapporteur: Mr Jacquat, France, EPP/CD): organised an exchange of views with the participation of:
 - . Ms Danièle Karniewicz, President of the French national pension fund scheme (CNAV)
 - . Ms Anna D'Addio, Social Policy Division of the OECD, co-author of the report "Pensions at a Glance 2011"

- *Committee's work programme:*
 - ✓ appointed Mr Marquet (Monaco, ALDE), rapporteur on "Towards a Council of Europe Convention to combat trafficking in organs, tissues and cells of human origin";
 - ✓ appointed Ms Kaufer (Hungary, SOC), rapporteur for opinion on "Living together in 21st century Europe : follow-up to the Eminent Persons report";
 - ✓ appointed the following members to participate in the Forum for the Future of Democracy, 13-14 October 2011, in Cyprus:
 - Mr Volontè (Italy, EPP/CD)
 - Ms Karamanli (France, SOC)
 - Mr Marquet (Monaco, ALDE)

- ✓ heard a statement by Mr Ayva (Turkey, EPP/CD) who took part in the 5th meeting of the Committee of Experts on participation of people with disabilities in political and public life (CAHPAH-PPL), Strasbourg, 23-25 March 2011;
- ✓ decided to invite Mr Licari, Ambassador of Malta and President of the Rapporteur Group on Social and Health Questions (GR-SOC) of the Committee of Ministers, to an exchange of views at its next meeting on subjects of common interest in the social and health field;
- *Changes in the composition of sub-committees:* approved the following changes:
 - ✓ Sub-Committee on European Charter and Employment: Mr Siebert (Germany, EPP/CD) replaces Mr Wadepful, and his alternate is Ms Connemann (Germany, EPP/CD), Ms Kaufer (Hungary, SOC) becomes a member;
 - ✓ Sub-Committee on Children: Ms Herasym'yuk (Ukraine, EPP/CD) becomes a member;
- *Date and place of next meetings:*

Plenary committee:

- Thursday, 19 May 2011, Paris (Council of Europe office), 9.45 am - 4.30 pm;
- Third part-session 2011 of the Assembly, 20-24 June 2011, Strasbourg;
- Friday, 16 September 2011, Paris (Council of Europe office);
- Fourth part-session 2011 of the Assembly, 3-7 October 2011, Strasbourg;
- Friday, 18 November 2011, Paris (Council of Europe office).

Sub-Committee on Health:

- Thursday, 19 May 2011, Paris (Council of Europe office), 9 am - 9.30 am.

Sub-Committee on Children:

- Thursday, 19 May 2011, Paris (Council of Europe office), 9.30 am - 9.45 am;
- Tuesday and Wednesday, 24-25 May 2011, on the occasion of the International conference organised in the framework of the Ukrainian Chairmanship of the Council of Europe Committee of Ministers on "Combating violence against children: from isolated actions to integrated strategies", in Kyiv, Ukraine;

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