



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

**Secretariat of the Parliamentary Assembly**

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**The Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee**, meeting in Paris on Thursday, 19 May 2011, with Ms Maury Pasquier (Switzerland, SOC), in the Chair:

As regards:

- *The role of parliaments in the consolidation and development of social rights in Europe* (Rapporteur: Ms Ohlsson, Sweden, SOC): considered a draft report, and amended and adopted a draft resolution and a draft recommendation with a view to presenting the report to the Assembly during the “human rights debate” in the June 2011 part-session;
- *Combating “child pornography” as part of the campaign to stop sexual violence against children* (Rapporteur: Mr Conde Bajén, Spain, EPP/CD): considered an introductory memorandum;
- *What can Europe do for children in the aftermath of natural disasters and crisis situations: the example of Haiti* (Rapporteur: Ms Hostalier, France, EPP/CD): considered an introductory memorandum;
- *Living together in 21st century Europe: follow-up to the Eminent Persons report* (Rapporteur for opinion: Ms Kaufer, Hungary, SOC): held a first exchange of views on the Eminent Persons report in the absence of the Rapporteur;
- *Update on the ONE in FIVE Campaign to stop sexual violence against children*: heard a statement by the Chairperson and considered the press release by Thomas Hammarberg on “Zero tolerance for sexual abuse of children”;
- *Sub-Committee on Health*: heard a statement by the Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on the meeting held on 19 May 2011;
- *Sub-Committee on Children*: heard a statement by the Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on the meeting held on 19 May 2011;

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cc. Secretary General of the Assembly  
Director General, Directors and all staff of the Secretariat of the Assembly  
Secretaries of National Delegations to the Assembly  
Secretaries of Political Groups of the Assembly  
Observers to the Assembly  
Secretary General of the Congress  
Secretary to the Committee of Ministers  
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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  
Permanent Representations to the Council of Europe

- *Appointment of rapporteurs:* appointed Mr Vercamer (Belgium, EPP/CD) Rapporteur for opinion on “Measuring the well-being of European citizens”;
- *Appointment of committee representatives to external events:*
  - appointed Mr Ayva (Turkey, EPP/CD) to take part in the European Conference on "Implementation of the Council of Europe Action Plan to promote the rights and full participation of people with disabilities in society 2006 - 2015", Odessa, Ukraine, 30-31 May 2011;
  - appointed Mr Baghdasaryan (Armenia, ALDE) to take part in the Regional seminar “Making Child Rights a Reality for the most vulnerable Children”, Yerevan, Armenia, 14 -16 June 2011 (*at no cost to the Assembly*);
  - appointed Mr Marquet (Monaco, ALDE) to take part in the Steering Committee on Bioethics (CDBI), Strasbourg, 21-23 June 2011 (*at no cost to the Assembly*);
  - appointed Mr Xuclà i Costa (Spain, ALDE) as an additional member to take part in the Forum for the Future of Democracy, Cyprus, 13-14 October 2011.
- *Changes in the composition of sub-committees:* approved the following change:  
Ms Bondarenko (Ukraine, EPP/CD) becomes a member of the Sub-Committee on Children.
- *Date and place of next meetings:*

*Plenary committee:*

- 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, Florence, Italy (*to be confirmed, subject to authorisation by the Bureau*).

*Network of Contact parliamentarians:*

- Wednesday, 22 June 2011, Strasbourg;
- During the fourth part-session 2011 of the Assembly, 3-7 October 2011, Strasbourg (*to be confirmed*);
- Thursday, 17 November 2011, Florence, Italy (*to be confirmed, subject to authorisation by the Bureau*).
- *Hearing: Living wills and the protection of health and human rights:* held a hearing with the participation of:

- Mr Xuclà i Costa (Spain, ALDE), Rapporteur;
- Ms Isabelle Erny, Directorate General of Health, General Secretariat, Rights, ethics and legal support division (DDEAJ) and representative of the Bioethics Division of the Council of Europe (CDBI);
- Prof. Pablo Simón Lorda, Lecturer on Bioethics, Andalusian School of Public Health, Granada (Spain);
- Prof. Andrii Butenko, Head of the international scientific relations office of the National Academy of Medical Sciences, Kyiv (Ukraine);
- Mr Roberto Andorno, Institute of Biomedical Ethics University of Zurich (Switzerland).

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**The Sub-Committee on Health** meeting in Paris on 19 May 2011 with Mr Flynn (United Kingdom, SOC), in the Chair:

As regards:

- *Election of the Bureau of the Sub-Committee:* elected Mr Germič (Slovenia, ALDE) Vice-Chairperson by acclamation;
- *Preparation of an exchange of views with Ambassador Joseph Licari:* prepared an exchange of views with Ambassador Joseph Licari, in his capacity as President of the Rapporteur Group on Social and Health

Questions (GR-SOC) of the Committee of Ministers, on subjects of common interest in the health field. The exchange of views is foreseen for the third part-Session 2011;

- *Date and place of next meeting:* left it to the Chairperson to convene the next meeting.

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**The Sub-Committee on Children** meeting in Paris on 19 May 2011 with Ms Ohlsson (Sweden, SOC) in the Chair:

As regards:

- *Preparation of the participation in the international conference on “Combating violence against children: from isolated actions to integrated strategies”, Kyiv 24-25 May 2011:* prepared the conference;
- *Date and place of nexts meetings:*
  - Tuesday, 24 May and Wednesday, 25 May 2011, Kyiv, Ukraine, on the occasion of the international conference on “Combating violence against children: from isolated actions to integrated strategies”, organised in the framework of the Ukrainian Chairmanship of the Council of Europe Committee of Ministers in cooperation with the State Service for Youth and Sport of Ukraine, the UN Secretary-General's Special Representative on Violence against Children and UNICEF;
  - Sunday, 20 November and Monday, 21 November 2011, Monaco (*to be confirmed, subject to authorisation by the Bureau*).

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